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Road-Clearing In Canal Zone



Men of the 16th Independent Parachute Brigade stand by, as a Centurian tank demolishes another hut in the village of Gaynaem, Egypt. It was part of the Army operation to clear a road in which British troops could be safe from sniping in movements between the Suez Garrison and the water filtration plant.—London Express.

Malaya "Strong Man" To Be Known Today

London, Dec. 28. The Colonial Office said that an announcement on the overall command of the anti-Communist campaign in Malaya can be expected after today's Cabinet meeting which promises to be a marathon one.

Officials said that the Cabinet would take decisions on many aspects of defence, foreign and domestic policies before the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, leave for Washington on Sunday for talks with President Truman.

An announcement from Mr Churchill's office last night implied that the appointment of General Sir Brian Robertson, the Middle East Commander-in-Chief, to the Malaya Command could be ruled out.

The announcement said that General Robertson had come home to discuss general questions connected with the command in the Middle East.

The Times' diplomatic correspondent, however, said that General Robertson had conferred

with the Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, who recently returned from a tour of Malaya where he was impressed by the need for overall direction of the military and other forces fighting the Red terrorists.

For such a task it would likely be necessary to choose some one with outstanding qualities not only in the military field but also in the political one, the correspondent adds.

General Robertson's military and political qualities have been thoroughly tested.

Other names mentioned in the post of "strong man" in Malaya were Lord Portal, wartime head of the Royal Air Force, Sir John Slessor, Chief of Air Staff, and Sir Archibald Nye, British High Commissioner in India.

MALCOLM MACDONALD

Meanwhile, strong representations were being made in Malaya for the retention of Mr Malcolm MacDonald, Southeast Asia Commissioner, and officials in London said there was no reason to assume his appointment would be curtailed.

Officials privately believed the Cabinet's announcement would not name a new Supreme Commander but concern only a successor to the High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney, killed by Communist guerrillas in Malaya last July.

On his return from Malaya, Mr Oliver Lyttelton said the appointment of a supreme commander to beat the Reds there was an "urgent necessity" but he would consult with Mr Churchill regarding Mr MacDonald's position before such an appointment was considered.

Officials said the Cabinet meeting would take into account the equally urgent necessity of obtaining the full co-operation of the Malayan population, particularly the Chinese, in meeting the Red menace. For this reason, it was believed probable that Mr Churchill would not decide immediately to appoint a military man as overall commander but would simply find a successor to Sir Henry Gurney, with new instructions to effect closer liaison between the military and civil authorities.

Officials said difficulties in the Malaya campaign had arisen from the complicated system of separate administrations in the government and Mr Churchill wanted a "simpler and more straightforward" organization.—United Press.

New Blow For Housewives

London, Dec. 28. The London housewife, struggling to meet the mounting cost of living, received another "festive season" blow today when the National Coal Board announced an average rise of 7½d. a ton in the price of coal.

The New Year is already being ushered in with a cut in the bacon ration, which goes down to three ounces in quantity, but goes up by an average of 10d. a pound in price.

The cheese ration stays at one and a half ounces a week. As from Monday, coal of average quality will also cost her more. The increase is the result of a recent wage increase to 700,000 miners, heavy increases in the cost of timber and other materials needed for maintaining and increasing the output of mines, and a 10 per cent rise in railway rates.—Reuter.

Persian Reds To Take Part In Elections

Teheran, Dec. 28. Amid shouts of "Long Live Our Heroic Friend, Soviet Russia," the Communist Tudeh Party announced here today that it would take part in the Persian elections for the first time since 1946.

Prolonged cheers greeted the announcement by a party spokesman, Ala Bego, at a mass meeting in the eastern part of the city with thousands of steel-helmeted soldiers and police with fixed bayonets looking on.

"Despite Mosaddegh's (the Persian Prime Minister) robbing us of our freedom we will win and thus move one step nearer the peace front of the People's Democracies," he said.

The Tudeh Party will run 40 candidates, mostly from the northern provinces close to the Soviet border. They will begin their campaign tomorrow.

The party has been outlawed since the attempt on the Shah's life in 1949. Since then it has been campaigning under the cover of organisations like the National Society for Fighting Imperialistic Oil Companies and Partisans for Peace.

Today's meeting was organised by the National Society for Fighting Imperialistic Oil Companies.

The Society decided to fight the proposal that the International Bank should operate Persia's oil industry.—Reuter.

Sniping & Bomb-Throwing

At Ismailia NEW INCIDENTS REPORTED

Ismailia, Dec. 28. British troops fired mortar bombs to silence a sniper who fired two shots at a Suez filtration plant today.

A British military spokesman said that mortar bombs were used "as it was the only way of getting at the sniper because there was boggy ground between."

Sniping, bomb-throwing and other minor incidents have increased at Ismailia and Tel el Kebir, it was announced in a Services communique today.

But there has been no significant change in the situation and Egyptian Press reports of damage and casualties to British installations were declared false.

One story in the newspapers Al Misri and Al Ahram said that Egyptian "commandos" in hand-to-hand combat last night killed 10 British soldiers and wounded 25 others.

Other false reports claimed that the Suez water filtration plant had been blown up — twice in three days, the communique said.

A bomb was hurled near a bridge last night and an exchange of fire across the sweet water canal here were also reported today by the spokesman. Earlier last night a single shot was fired at a Bren-gun carrier near the same bridge, but there was no damage or injury.

"Latest demonstrations in Cairo have had a sobering influence on the Egyptian authorities in Ismailia, deterring them from co-operating fully with the terrorists," a British Army spokesman said.

"At one time it appeared that the Police were working with the terrorists who had set up their own road-blocks on the Quay Mohammed in the sweet water canal. But there have been few incidents since General Sir George Erskine, the British Commander in Egypt, imposed a curfew there a week ago."

British troops now patrol the quay and the road on the opposite side of the water and have raised roadblocks.

The spokesman could not say whether the Egyptian authorities were themselves enforcing the curfew but he added it appeared to have been observed.

He said that there was no contact between the British and the Egyptian authorities in Ismailia though sometimes there was contact over day-to-day matters such as health.—Reuter.

TO GIVE WARNING

Ismailia, Dec. 28. Britain troops in the Suez Canal Zone trouble town of Ismailia have been ordered to warn curfew breakers found on streets before opening fire, a British spokesman said today.

Incidents in Ismailia have decreased since the curfew was imposed a week ago, following the ambush of two military jeeps and the killing of a British officer.

"But Ismailia is still the most lawless town in the zone," the spokesman added. "We have information that civilians walk openly in the streets carrying guns."

The spokesman charged that Egyptian police were "actively supporting unruly elements by helping terrorists man road-blocks on a certain road leading out of the town."

The spokesman said that the expected Christmas attacks by terrorists on British installations failed to materialise.

"Up to the present," he said, "they seem to be fond of brave words than deeds."

He added, however, that the sabotage of rail and water installations continued.—United Press.

EDEN RECEIVES SOVIET ENVOY

London, Dec. 28. For the first time since he became Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden today conferred with the Soviet Ambassador in London, M. Georgi Nikolaevich Gurevich.

The meeting took place this afternoon at the Foreign Office, according to an official announcement here tonight.—France-Press.

Underground Explosions In Kingsway

Centre Of London Shaken By Blasts

London, Dec. 28. Police cars, fire engines and ambulances raced to London's Kingsway, a main thoroughfare in the City centre, today when a series of underground explosions blew manhole covers sky high, shattered windows and shook multi-storey blocks of offices.

A taxi driver, driving his cab over a manhole cover as the first explosion occurred, was thrown from the vehicle and injured.

A van driver was also hurt. Both were taken to hospital.

Office workers and pedestrians were hit by flying glass and were attended to on the spot by ambulance men, who treated others for shock.

Senior fire officers said that a faulty high tension electricity cable under the street caused the first explosion.

20 EXPLOSIONS

This burst a gas main, the gas exploded and caught fire and during the next one and a half hours over 20 explosions were counted.

Police roped off the area as vivid green flames shot into the air from gaping holes in the road.

"People were evacuated from the nearby London School of Economics and other buildings. A fire officer said that their job was to expose the gas mains and cut off the gas escaping into the blazing crater."

Firemen could not pour water on the flames because it was feared that if they put them out with the gas still leaking, the whole area would be filled with gas and there would be a serious danger of a big explosion.

The fire officer said that they would have to wait until the gas stopped flowing, then the crater fires would burn themselves out.

Underground electrical cables, telephone wires and sewers were affected.—Reuter.

STRIKE TO GO ON

Paris, Dec. 28. Striking air crews of Air France's nationalised airline, today unanimously decided to continue their 20-day strike for higher pay, better working conditions and pension.

Only postal services and the four services a week to the Far East are unaffected by the stoppage.—Reuter.

Ban On Visits To Hungary

Washington, Dec. 28. The United States State Department today banned American citizens from travelling in Hungary and ordered the Hungarian Consulate in Cleveland, New York, to be closed.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, announced this move several hours after Hungary had freed four American fliers after fining them \$30,000 each for "intentionally violating" the Hungarian frontier in their plane last month.

Mr Acheson said, "The American people are rightfully indignant. The fines had been paid because we value the welfare of the individual above all else."

He warned at the same time, "Our patience is not inexhaustible" and alleged that the Hungarian Government had "ignored the basic rules of long established international conduct."—Reuter.

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TALLULAH'S EX-MAID FOUND GUILTY

New York, Dec. 28. Tallulah Bankhead's former maid and secretary was found guilty today of stealing \$4,284.60 from the actress.

Miss Bankhead talked to reporters later in her hotel apartment and said, "There is a lot of things I'd like to say, but I think it breathes my dignity to say them."

"To you all it has been a nine-day circus or something, but to me it's been a year and a half of anxiety."

Miss Bankhead said she had

nothing further to say about her ex-maid Evelyn Cronin, adding, "That is in the most capable hands of the Court."

Asked if she had any advice for those with a similar employee problem, she replied, "I advise everybody in the world not to be intimidated. You have to live with yourself."—United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Search For A Settlement

EXPIRATION of the 30-day agreement without armistice conditions having been mutually arranged in Korea adds to the sense of frustration from which the world has suffered during the negotiations which have dragged on over the past six months. The tedious deliberations, yielding so little in the way of real progress, prompts feelings of mistrust concerning the good faith of the Communist negotiators. There is this, however, to be said: expiration of the 30-day agreement does not automatically mean that the truce talks will be abandoned. It can mean, unless a decision is reached to extend the period, that the existing line of demarcation will be changed before an armistice is concluded; it may also involve an intensification of hostilities. That the Communists have agreed to continue the Pan Mun Jom meetings suggests, at least, that they desire to keep the talks going, although it must be admitted this could be for ulterior motives wholly unrelated to the question of reaching an agreement leading to an armistice and eventual peace. It is of some significance that several leading Home papers have editorially adopted a unanimous viewpoint on the desirability of bringing hostilities to an end. It is vaguely hinted that the American negotiators are sticking somewhat too closely to contentious details, thereby making it easier for the Reds to prolong unnecessarily the current discussions. It is well to give the reminder that the American representatives are acting on behalf of the United Nations. It is proper to recognise that the United States has borne the brunt of the Korean campaign in supplying both

man-power and materials, and it is accepted that whatever the terms for an armistice they must be honourable, and must not be based on abject appeasement. Equally fair is it to suggest that America's allies in this war to defeat wanton aggression should be allowed to advance their views on what might be the most expedient, and at the same time reasonable and honourable conditions for ending the existing stalemate at Pan Mun Jom. The war itself has reached a stage where neither side can hope to make such decisive gains that armistice terms could be unconditionally imposed. The Daily Express, which has a profound effect on public opinion in Britain has this analysis of the situation: "The Chinese would like to drive the United Nations into the sea, but they know there is no hope of that. The United Nations might like to drive the Communists out of Korea. But the effort would not be worth the prize. Why then should war burst out in full insensate fury again? The negotiations at Pan Mun Jom will have to go on." This, almost certainly, represents popular feelings in Britain and the viewpoint may well form the basis of Mr Churchill's discussions with President Truman next week on the question of the Korea war. The hostilities are gaining nothing for anybody, and from the military aspect have lost much of their meaning. The vital necessity is a settlement, which in turn is dependent on the present negotiators composing differences on points which only become difficult if one or both sides refuse to make reasonable concessions. It is the rigidity of attitude in the current discussions which causes concern.

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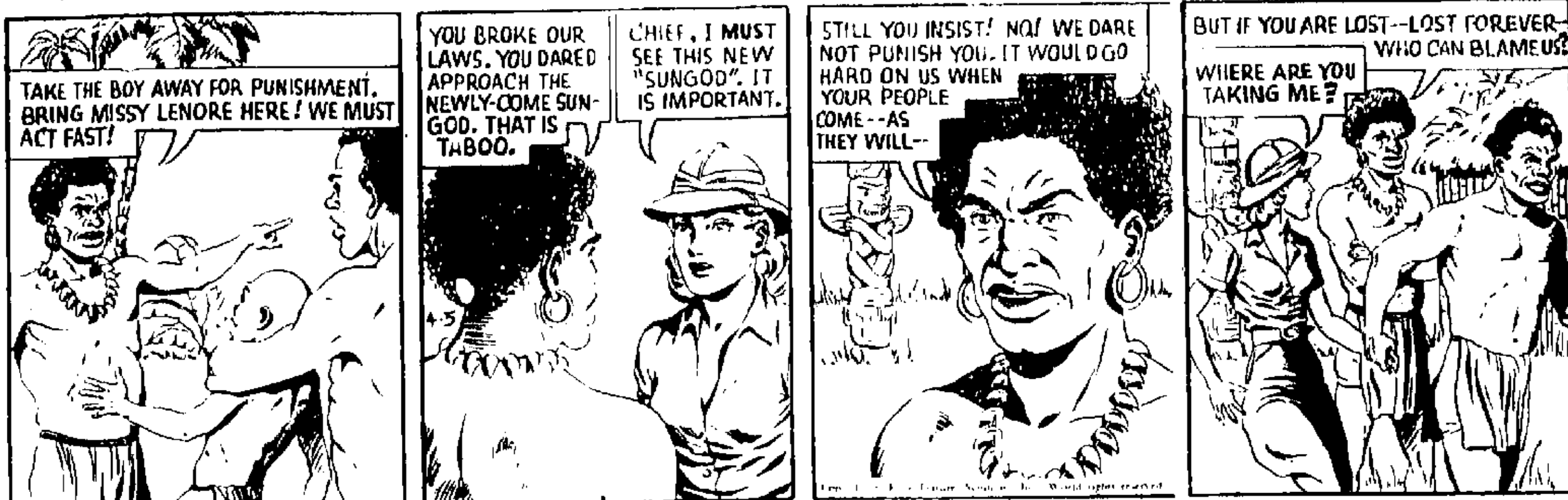
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HAS NOEL COWARD PLANS TO STAR HIMSELF IN A BIG ROMANTIC MUSICAL?

Since the death of Ivor Novello no one has stepped forward to assume his mantle as writer, composer and star of a big-scale romantic musical.

But don't be surprised if Noel Coward returns to the field at which at one time he was Ivor's only rival.

Encouraged, I suspect, by his tremendous success as an entertainer at the Cafe de Paris, and by the acclaim for his new play "Relative Values," both of which have silenced those who accused him of being "dated," the man who wrote "Bitter Sweet" is said to be planning a new musical in the same romantic style.

But the time there may be a difference. I predict Noel Coward, the author-composer, will write a leading part for Noel Coward, the actor.

I make two further predictions. Another leading role will be written for a famous male Continental singing star (could be Georges Guetary?), and the show will be presented by Tom Arnold.

It was Mr. Arnold, you may recall, who was so closely associated with Ivor Novello.

RED STAR RISES AGAIN
In Hollywood, actor Larry Parks sits and waits for the following in Britain. His last film, "Love Is Better Than Ever," in which he co-stars with Elizabeth Taylor.

It has been on the shelf at the M-G-M studios for some time now—ever since Parks told a US Congress Committee that he had been a Communist. He added at the time that he had made a mistake and won a unanimous commendation from the congressmen for his frankness.

M-G-M evidently decided that his former Communist background would be bad for the box-office. Now they want to see how the public will react.

I do not believe the British public care a hanger or a stick about the politics of their entertainers. In show business, you are either good or bad.

If Larry Parks is good in "Love Is Better Than Ever" he will receive the same praise that he would have done if he had admitted that he was once a member of the Liberal Party. At least, he will from me, anyway.

UP THE WALL
So far as I was concerned the best things in last Monday's Midnight Matinee, in aid of the National Playing Fields Association, were the antics of Max Wall.

It is true that Mr. Wall's turn went on too long. But what a good comedian he is! He can be alternately witty and grotesque; he can produce a mad look in his eye as easily as he can the legs in a knot or throw away a funny line.

I mention these facts because I don't recall ever seeing Mr. Wall in a film, and I'd like to. He also seems to me the kind of comedian who could carry a TV series. I hope he does.

TIME MARCHES ON DEPT.
From my seat in the circle it appeared that Frankie is getting thin on top.

Braden has to be twenty years and has 20 pieces of script in work for "The Biggest Thing in Town."

The London Films Corp. presented to the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art by Sir Alexander Korda, has been won by ex-student Marie Germaine, the clever girl, and Cecil Parker, who is sunny Jamaica for Christmas. Donah Sheridan off to Africa, and the African pre-

BULLSEYE FOR DISNEY



Walt Disney's master touch with a bow and arrow is enthusiastically approved by Richard Todd and Joan Rice while on forest location for "Robin Hood" at Burnham Beeches, in England. Todd plays the title role and Miss Rice charms as Maid Marian. Disney is personally supervising this Technicolor production which Perce Pearce is producing at the Denham Studios.

HAROLD CONWAY'S Show Talk

Redgrave Will Play A Star In Eclipse

FOR MICHAEL REDGRAVE 1951 counts as a year of glory. It is an impressive tally.

Best British screen performance (in "The Browning Version"); laurels as Shakespearean actor and producer at Stratford-on-Avon; present reports from Pinewood that he is putting up the top comedy effort of his career in a film of "The Importance of Being Earnest."

Will 1952 be Redgrave's glory year, too? It may well be—for he is to start off with the biggest stage role any actor is likely to capture during the next twelve months.

This is the "hero" of Clifford Odets's Broadway drama, "The Country Girl"—a one-time popular theatre star now in his forties, grown seamy and uncertain of himself, facing eclipse as a public favourite.

In New York the play created a minor sensation. Despite the author's disavowals, audiences tried to identify the leading character.

Henry Shenck and the American actor Sam Wannamaker are producing "The Country Girl" here in partnership—a pre-West End tour of six weeks opens in Edinburgh. Before that they have to find a woman star who can stand up dramatically to Redgrave—as the falling actors' wife.

What about Mary Ellis? Redgrave did not have her for his wife in the film of "The Browning Version," though she had

acted the part brilliantly on the stage. I still think Miss Ellis would stand up to Mr. Redgrave very satisfactorily if she got the chance.

ASHCROFT UP-TO-DATE
I quote for you a significant description from the author, Terence Rattigan, about his new play "The Deep Blue Sea"—in which Peggy Ashcroft is to star.

"The play, which is set in the present day, is a study of an affinity between a man and a woman who are mutually destructive to each other."

What is significant about that? The words "present day." Do you know how many contemporary, non-costume roles Peggy Ashcroft—one of our three leading actresses—has played in London during the past 20 years? Just two-and-a-half.

The half refers to "Edward, My Son" by the time that story got up to date, Miss Ashcroft was a pathetic, inept old lady—so she was back to "character."

Miss Ashcroft, like John Gielgud, takes most kindly to a sense of the past when on the stage. But an occasional change is good for the best of stars; so I am glad she is discarding the mimicry for once.

Her new part will be as dramatic as anything she has tackled in Shakespeare. Mr. Rattigan was elated by the critics over his last play—who is Sylvia?—for resorting to the flippancy of his early period.

Rattigan felt challenged. What ever the briliant about "The Deep Blue Sea," they are unlikely to accuse him this time of being flippant.

Lizabeth Learns To Be A Cockney

By ROY NASH

Hollywood visitor taking note of the way Londoners talk is Lizabeth Scott.

She needs a Cockney accent for "Stolen Face" at Riverside, but we shall hear it in only part of the picture.

Miss Scott has two roles. Only one, a London girl convicted of theft requires the accent. For the other, an American concert pianist, Miss Scott's voice will be its usual transatlantic self.

Eye-catching items in the £2,500 wardrobe which she brought from America for the picture include a pale pink lace and net negligee, glittering evening gowns and black jersey pyjamas with a gold overskirt.

Miss Scott is not one of those fly-away Hollywood stars who can't wait to pack their bags as soon as they finish filming.

She is planning a sightseeing tour after the last shots of "Stolen Face" are completed in December. It includes a trip to Wales where she hopes to spend Christmas.

TRACY'S RED NOSE
They may be painting Spence. Tracy's nose red at Elstree next spring. If present plans work out he will be coming over to play a schoolmaster who becomes a clown in "The Romance of Henry Monckton."

It will be genial, white-haired. Mr. Tracy's second picture here he made "Edward, My Son" at Elstree three years ago and he is one Hollywood star who is always happy to pay us a return visit.

"I like everything about England, even the tea," he told me once, so they'll be keeping the Elstree kettle boiling for him.

At the moment he's making an Atlantic crossing in the reverse direction—as the Captain of the Mayflower in Hollywood's "The Plymouth Brethren."

FAMILY SQUABBLE
Eating studios, where they like to tackle out-of-the-rut subjects, have an unusual theme in "This Day Is Ours" which starts production next month.

It concerns a girl who is born deaf and the effect which her infirmity has on parents who disagree about her upbringing and education.

Written by Nigel Balchin from a novel by Hilja Lewis, it will be directed by Alexander Mackendrick, whom filmgoers know best in the light-hearted "Whisky Galore."

"This Day Is Ours" is the first of a programme of nine films just announced for Ealing.

Others are adaptations of best sellers—"The Cruel Sea" by Nicholas Monsarrat, "A Town Like Alice" by Nevil Shute and "The Shadow and the Peak," a study of white-coloured relations in Jamaica to be directed by Robert Hamer.

HERRINGS ON SNOWDON
There are also two typical Ealing fantasies. One, "Head In The Clouds" concerns a crazy grow-more-food campaign for turning the top of Snowdon into a herring farm.

The other, the work of T. E. B. ("Lavender Hill Mob") Clarke is about a small railway which escapes nationalisation and is taken over by its passengers, all of whom are anxious to fulfil youthful ambitions to drive the engine.

Diane Hart, who made a hit as Vera-Ellen's perky girl friend in "Happy Go Lovely," gets a much bigger part in "What Say They?" at Southall.

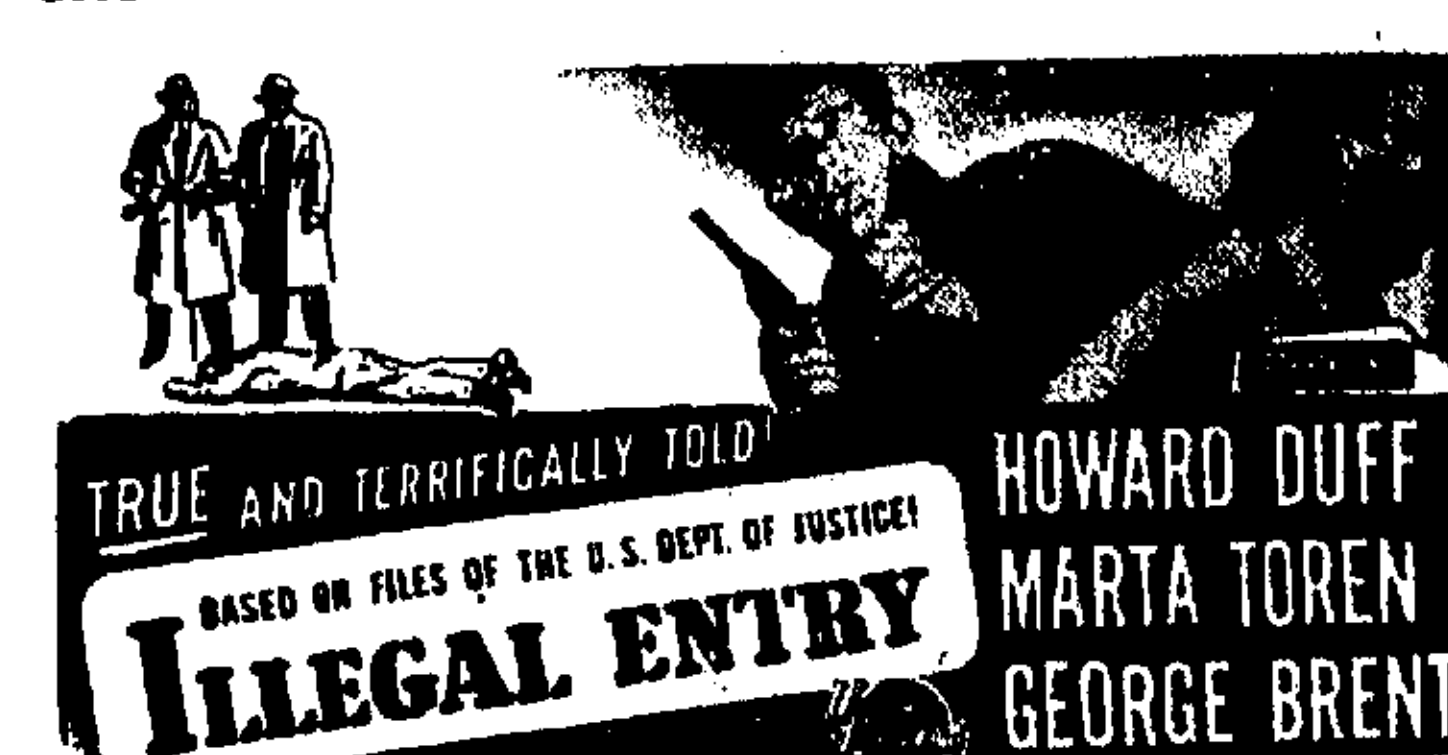
She plays a young woman who causes havoc in a Scottish university in this adaptation of James Bridie's stage comedy. What they're saying about her performance is that it confirms the belief that British studios have found a bright new comedienne.

THE VOICE
Once a BBC effects-girl, dark-haired Miss Hart was told "You'll never go far with a voice like that" when she attended dramatic school.

Yet her slightly cracked voice is one of her greatest charms. Her role in "What Say They?" was played on the stage by another actress who owes a great deal to her voice—Yvonne Arlidge.

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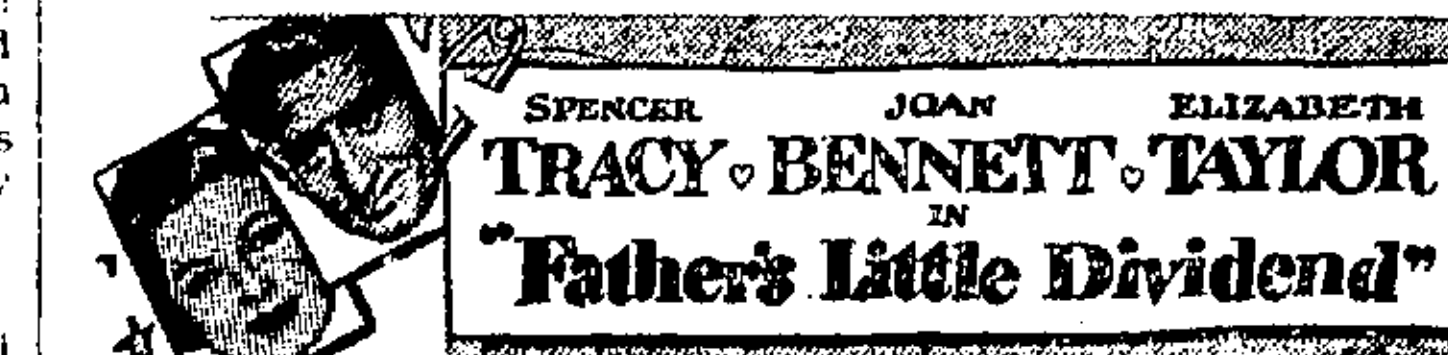
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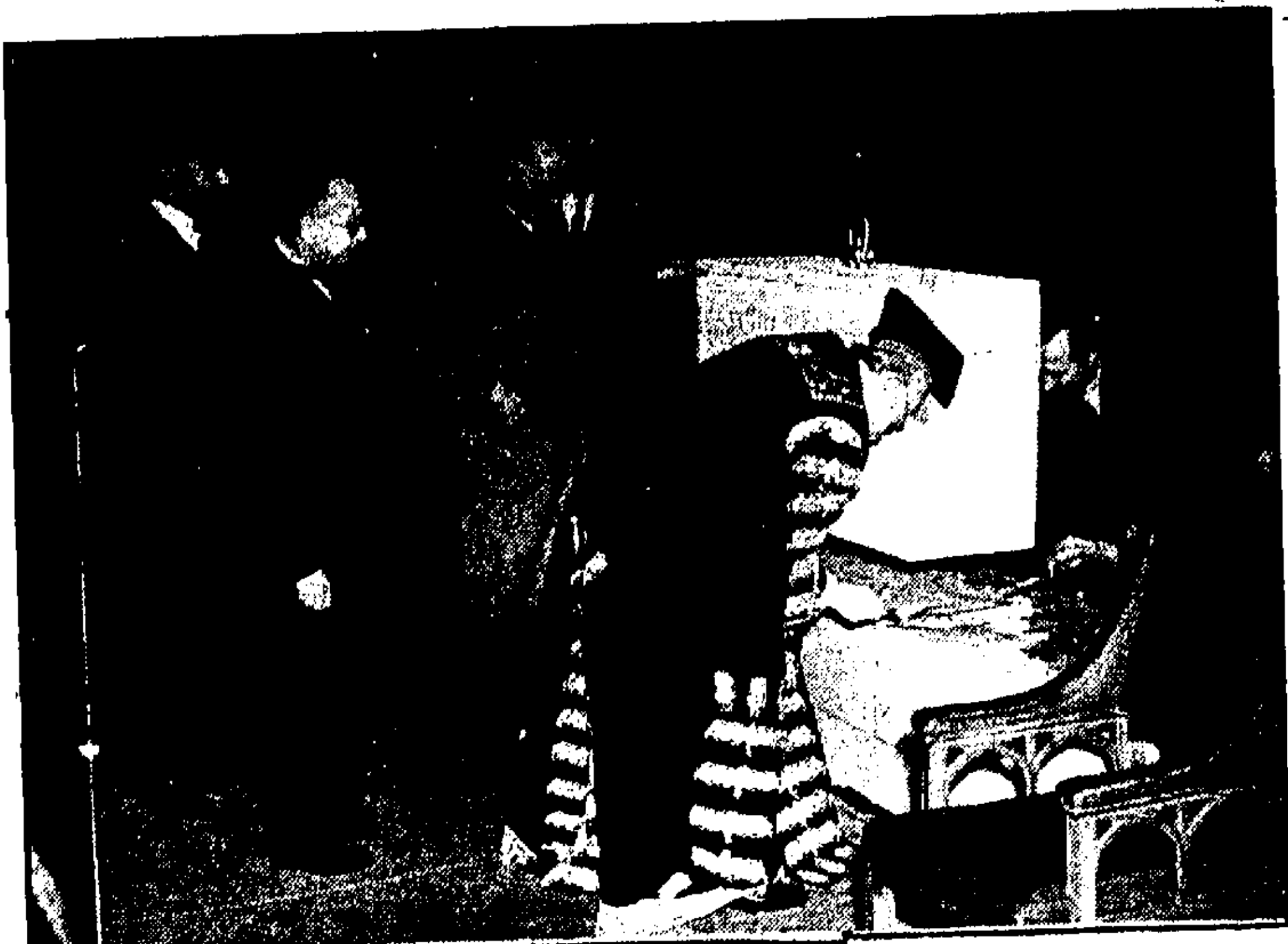
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MR Winston Churchill, as Chancellor of Bristol University, laid the foundation stone of the new Engineering School recently. He also conferred honorary degrees, including (left) one on Lord Ismay. (Central Press).



PRINCESS Elizabeth attended a reception in celebration of the bi-centenary of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorian. The Princess is seen presenting a Charter of Incorporation to the President, Sir Edris Bell. (Central Press).



BRITISH bantamweight champion Peter Keenan snapped at London Airport as he was about to leave for Johannesburg to fight Vic Towel, the holder, for the world title next month. (Central Press).



WITH theodolite and meteorological balloon, these young students learn weather lore at the London Meteorological Training School at Stanmore, Middlesex. They undergo an eight weeks course before being posted as meteorological assistants at aerodromes. (Reuterphoto).



FAMED character actor "Dracula" Bela Lugosi and Mrs Lugosi photographed at Waterloo Station before their departure for America. Note the vampire brooch Mrs Lugosi is wearing in her hat. (Central Press).

LEFT: Surrealist painter Salvador Dali shows his picture, "The Madonna of Port Lligat," one of 40 works included in his first London exhibition for 15 years. (Reuterphoto).



WINDMILL girl Anthea Delle, aged 17, wears giant ear muffs of Nottingham lace, held in place by clusters of flowers, in the ballet, "Family Album." (Reuterphoto).

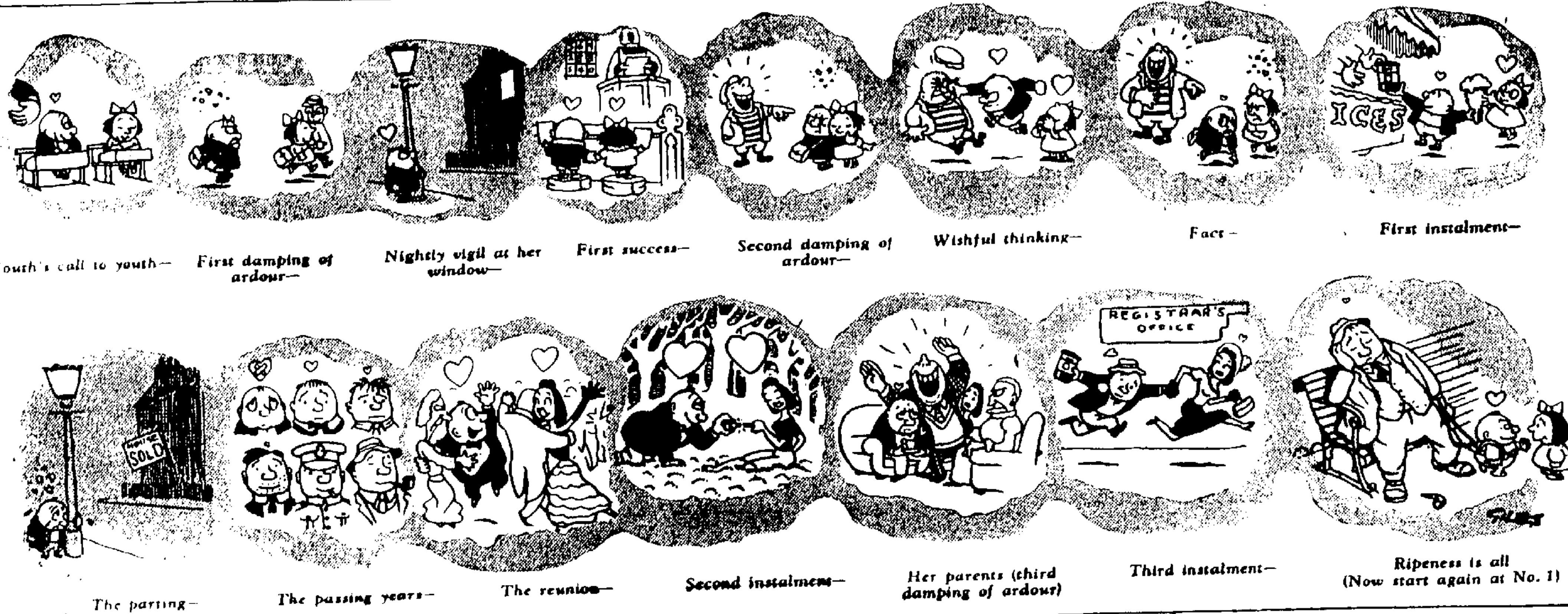
BELOW: Mrs Rhonda Fairbairn, of West Bruton Farm, Northumberland, mother of two children, has been appointed the first Pilot Officer in the WRAFVR.



HOLLYWOOD'S new 20-year-old star, Tony Curtis, who has become known as the "baron of beefcake" (male equivalent of cheesecake), pictured at his London hotel with his bride, Janet Leigh. (Central Press).



AT 16, London's youngest Principal Girl of pantomime, Julie Andrews, meets her Principal Boy, John Carson, during rehearsal of "Aladdin" at the London Casino. Julie is a star of the "Educating Archie" radio show. (Reuterphoto).



FILES presents a story to strike a chord in many hearts. You could call it "The Graduation of a Husband—from First Stirrings—to the Full Burden."

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About that extra bit of pudding!

FAT people deserve far more sympathy from their doctors than they have been getting, according to a medical report today.

Doctors attribute nearly all cases of obesity to "eating for eating's sake." New findings disclosed today make it clear that there must be many causes for the extra weight. Obese men and women who just cannot help eating more than is good for them.

There are not the unfortunate folk whose fatness is due to glandular trouble. They are perfectly healthy apart from being overweight. The fine balance between the food you eat and the food your body uses—which determines what happens to your weight—is governed by a regulating mechanism in the brain, scientists have discovered. The stomach has little to do with it.

The regulator is highly sensitive to changes in the strength of the sugar dissolved in the blood stream. If the blood-sugar strength falls, the regulator sends out messages which automatically increase the appetite, and vice versa.

Some people seem to be born with the appetite-regulator out of adjustment. It is so insensitive that it does not reduce the feeling of hunger when the blood-sugar level is high. Such people are still hungry when they have eaten all the food they need. They go on eating to satisfy their hunger and put on all the extra fat as fat.

Once they have got fat the amount of food they need falls, because they tend to take less exercise. But their appetite remains as big as ever. So they get fatter and fatter.

Doctors call this exaggerated appetite *bulimia*. The only effective way of treating it seems to be by giving drugs which reduce the appetite.

Anyone suffering from the reverse complaint—chronic lack of appetite—has always had the doctor's and everybody else's sympathy. Now it seems that the chronic over-eaters, who have been dismissed as gluttons, may be just as deserving.

SMOKING

★ **"IF** THE lives of smokers are a trifle shorter, perhaps they may also be that more merrier." That is how heart

THE THIN MAN sets a new MYSTERY

NEW YORK. **THE** Thin Man Vanishes. It might be the title for the newest chapter in the strange life and times of Dashiell Hammett, a developing, fascinating biography with no touch of fiction in it, though packed with unsolved situations. Sam Spade himself would have loved it.

Scarcely 4 ft. 10 in. tall, with a thatch of electric snow-white hair bristling as defiantly as ever above the still-black brows and moustache, the man rated by many lovers of a good whodunit as top operative of them all, stepped the other day out of the Federal gaol in Kentucky and disappeared as totally as any of his own imagined suspects.

Hammett had served just two months and 18 days of the six months' sentence they gave him last September (along with his millionaire Leftist friend, Frederick Vanderbilt Field) for refusing to tell who put up that 26,000 dollars bail bond for 11 convicted Reds.

Arty Quarter

HERE in New York, where for years he has lived quietly in a modest second-floor flat in a Victorian house in the Greenwich Village arty quarter, he has not yet been seen around any of his old haunts. If his publishers, lawyers and agents know where he is they are not

saying. Whether he is writing again nobody knows.

The man who once was a "Private Eye" himself (he was on the Fatty Arbuckle case years ago for the world-famed Pinkerton Agency) and made a fortune fictionalising the sleuth business, now adds a new riddle to the great unanswered one he left behind when the prison gates clanged shut: How did a man with his brain get embroiled in the first place with Communists?

Fame's Lightning

THE change seems to have come in middle life at some unperceived moment after the time, now 17 years ago, when the fertile pen turned sterile and no more sharp-edged thrillers came to join the golden cavalcade.

It was early apparent—or so it seems now—that the life of Dashiell Hammett was not to follow the conventional paths.

At 14, surprising his parents not at all, he suddenly walked out of the Polytechnic Institute at Baltimore.

He wanted, he announced, to get down to the "bedrock realities of life."

This desire he translated into a series of jobs for which he was wildly unsuited: labourer, factory hand, stevedore, anything he could find.

The work was brutal and he was frail, and to this period is attributed the tuberculosis which several times in later years has almost taken his life.

His days as a Pinkerton man came between 1917 and 1922. That work was too hard for his health. "I would have been fired, anyway," he once said, "except for a certain literary quality in my reports."

For a while he did pompous literary reviews for a now defunct New York newspaper. Then he dropped from sight.

But in 1929 fame's lightning struck. His first novel-length detective yarns "The Dain Curse" and "Red Harvest" came out in book form and were an instant smash hit.

Then came the long procession, money-makers all, the literary soirees, tea-cup in hand, autographed copies for the gushing dowagers.

Hammett loathed and despised it. But he was not oblivious to the happy clangour of bookshop cash registers all over the world.

In 1934 came the biggest of them all: "The Thin Man." And then—Hollywood called.

Hammett at the time was sharing a flat with a man friend (he married and was divorced six years ago. His wife had nurse's hands through a TB attack and they had two daughters).

When the Hollywood telegram came he waved his hand around the flat and shouted joyously:

(He has just left prison)



Dashiell Hammett

"It is all yours. I have got what I wanted."

But he only thought so. From the middle thirties to 1949 Hammett (at £500 a week) toiled in Hollywood's sunlit graveyard.

Characteristically, they did not use him as a writer but as a technical adviser and tinkering-chief for the scripts of others.

He wrote a play, but it found no stage.

£500 a week

FROM then on he professed he was not interested in writing again. There was, he used to say, and unhappily it was true—no point in working when men producing ready-made radio shows on wax were willing to hand him £200 a week just for using the Thin Man, Sam Spade, and others of his works.

With £500 a week at least from radio alone he lived well, fished a little, shot some pheasant, did the night-club round.

Was this the time when the always-questing brain turned to left-wing speculation? May be. But that again is a mystery only the Thin Man can unravel.

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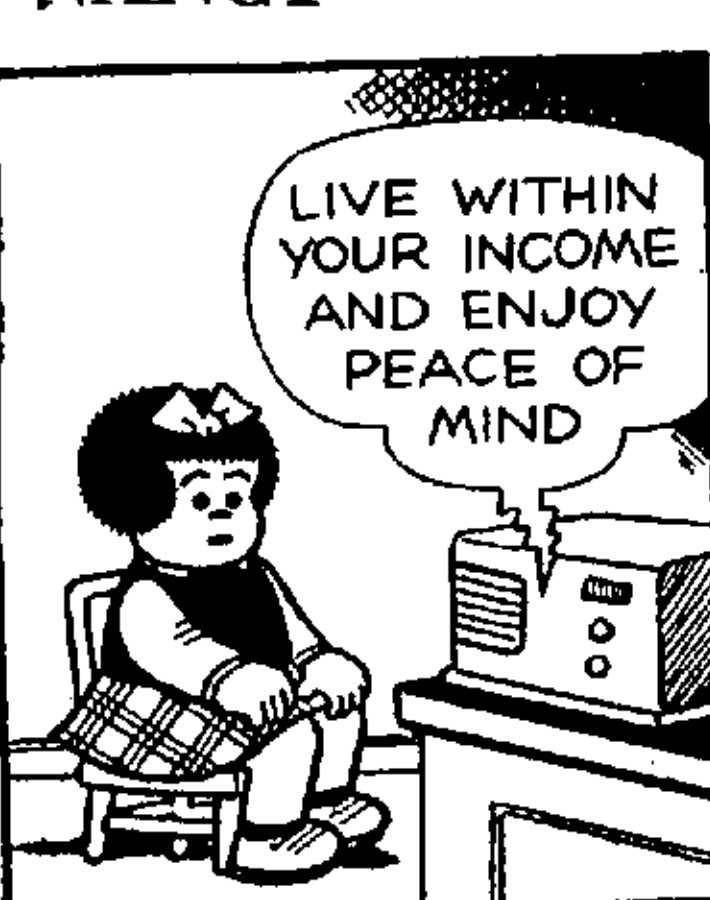
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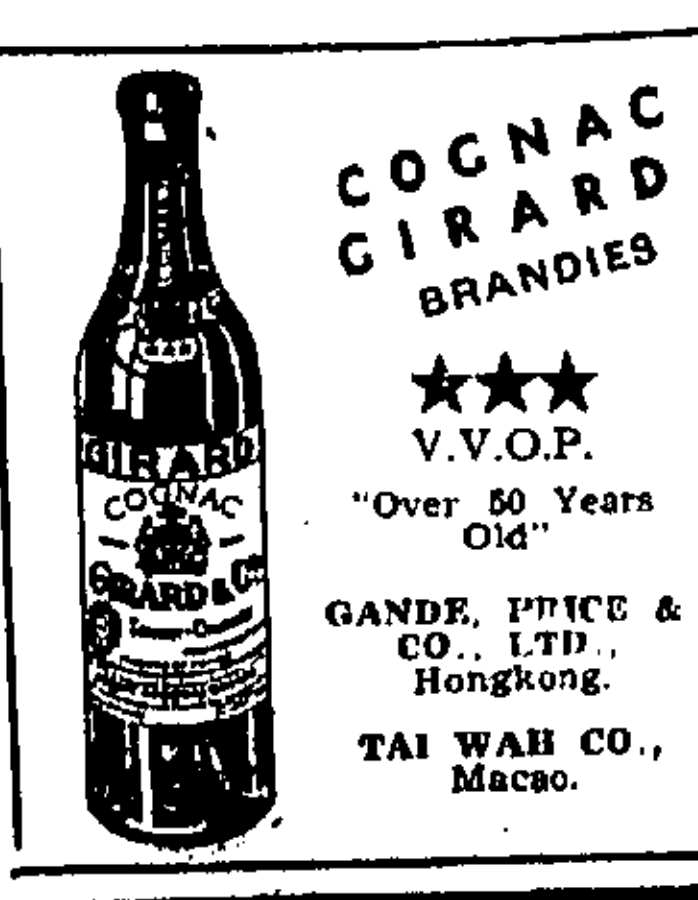
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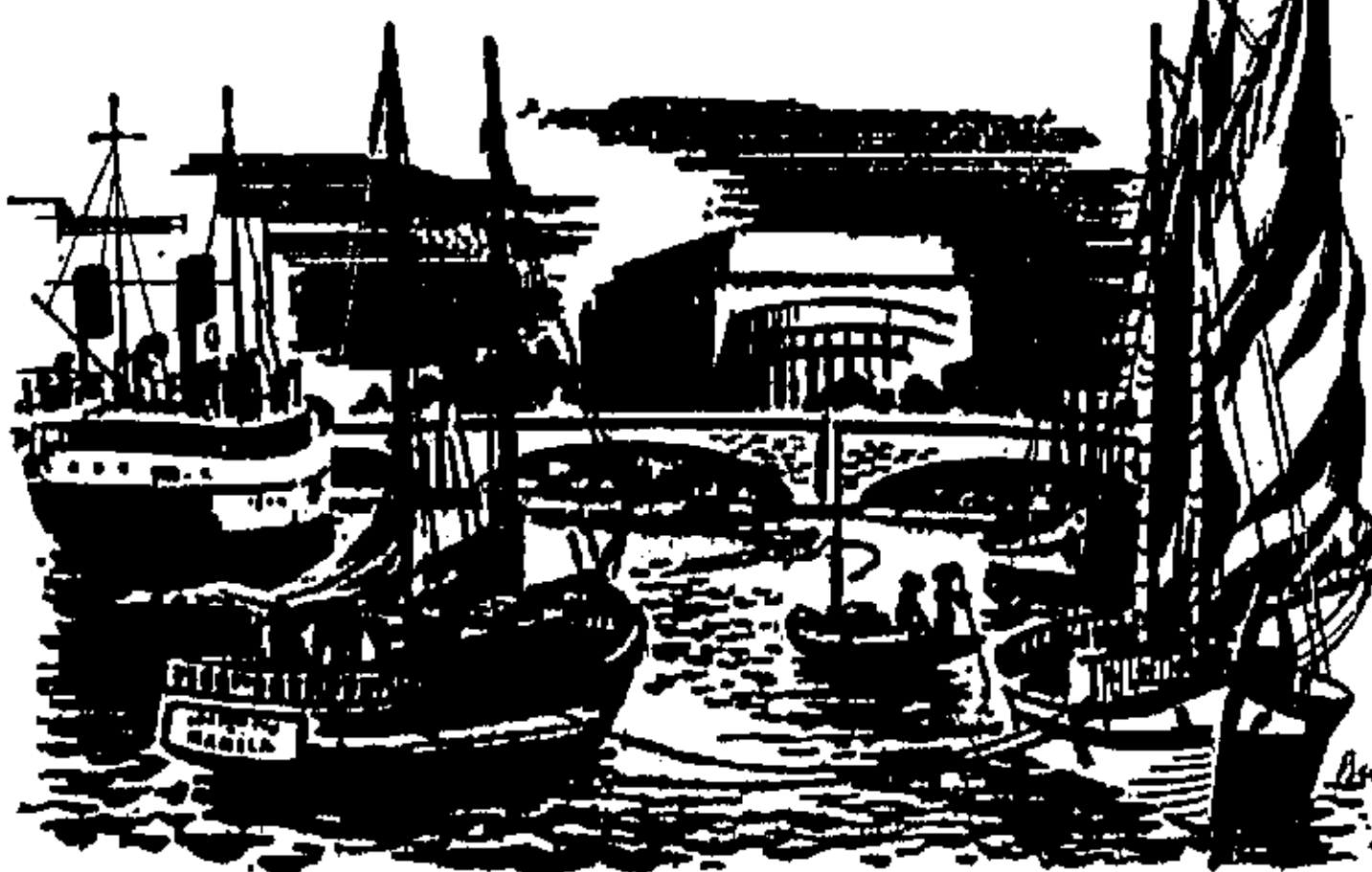
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THE GREAT AMERICAN TAX SCANDAL

SUPPOSE you thought by... HENRY LOWRIE

Suppose you thought that a man living across the street didn't pay his income tax, or paid just a fraction of what he should have paid—then you'd get mad.

Well, plenty of people in America are "mad" just now as they begin to discover just how many of their neighbours have been escaping their rightful share of taxes.

The scandal has grown now to the point where men in the highest positions have been named. Some people are even saying it threatens the Government.

The scandal, which began to break in 1948, has been climaxed by the sacking or forced resignations this year of 113 income-tax officials.

Mr Theron Lamar Caudle, the man whose job it was to prosecute tax dodgers, was sacked by President Truman himself.

To appreciate the gravity of what has been exposed you must first understand that unlike the system in Britain, where the collection of taxes is the business of civil servants, the tax bosses throughout the United States are political appointees, sharing in the spoils of office after an election.

FOR 'FAVOURS'

The highest of them are appointed by the President himself for favours rendered to the party.

Throughout America there are 64 of them with the official title of collector.

One of them, Joseph Marcell, was appointed by President Roosevelt to be collector for Brooklyn. His salary was 10,500 dollars a year, but he spent so little time "collecting" in his office that he was able to develop his outside activities, and, in one year—1948—his total earnings were 135,000 dollars.

To the Congressional Committee which is trying to get to the bottom of the whole sorry business he admitted that when he filed his own income tax returns he showed only 66,000 dollars as taxable.

I've enjoyed the most beautiful relationships with the tax-payers," said Marcell, as he tendered his resignation, "for the good of the service."

He was the sixth of the 64 collectors to be forced out since Delaware's new Senator John James Williams first raised the scandal in the spring of 1948 in a fiery speech in the Senate.

What started Williams on the war-path? Two years earlier he and his wife filed returns totaling 22,500 dollars, with the collector in Wilmington, Delaware, but the Senator learned later that not a single cent of what he had paid was credited to his account.

He investigated, and brought to light a 30,000-dollar embezzlement and the juggling of 2,000 tax accounts.

Williams introduced in the Senate a resolution demanding the removal of James Johnson, a New York district collector, for inefficiency. Johnson promptly resigned. He was the third New York collector to go for the same reason.

NEW HERO

The scene then shifted to St Louis, but the collector there, Jim Finnegan, a very big figure in Truman's party machine, was cleared by a Grand Jury.

Finnegan, however, resigned, and Senator Williams publicly accused the Treasury Department of withholding secret reports. These reports were finally produced. Finnegan, on what the reports said, was indicted on two counts of taking bribes and misconduct.

Then, one day in the Senate, Williams announced that Commissioner George Schooneman, the internal revenue chief for the whole of America, "turned in his resignation today."

He followed that startling statement with "the collector in Boston was suspended this morning."

That collector was Denis Delaney, who was fired three weeks later and then indicted on six counts of taking bribes in return for tax favours.

The honest men in the Internal Revenue Bureau promptly made Senator Williams their hero. They gave him tips on the quiet about what was going on in other districts.

In Manhattan, the resignation was forced of James Olson, supervisor of the New York Alcohol Tax Unit.

Fresh developments were occurring elsewhere.

James Smyth, who was sacked last month by Truman as collector for Northern California, was indicted in San Francisco on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the Government.

Indicted with him were his chief deputy, his chief field deputy, and a San Francisco lawyer.

BRIBED?

And, in Brooklyn, on the same day, a deputy collector was indicted on a charge of taking a 1,000-dollar bribe.

The Internal Revenue Bureau in Washington reported that six hundred and thirty-two million dollars were outstanding in delinquent taxes.

Truman is desperately concerned about the effect of the scandal on his chances in the next Presidential elections.

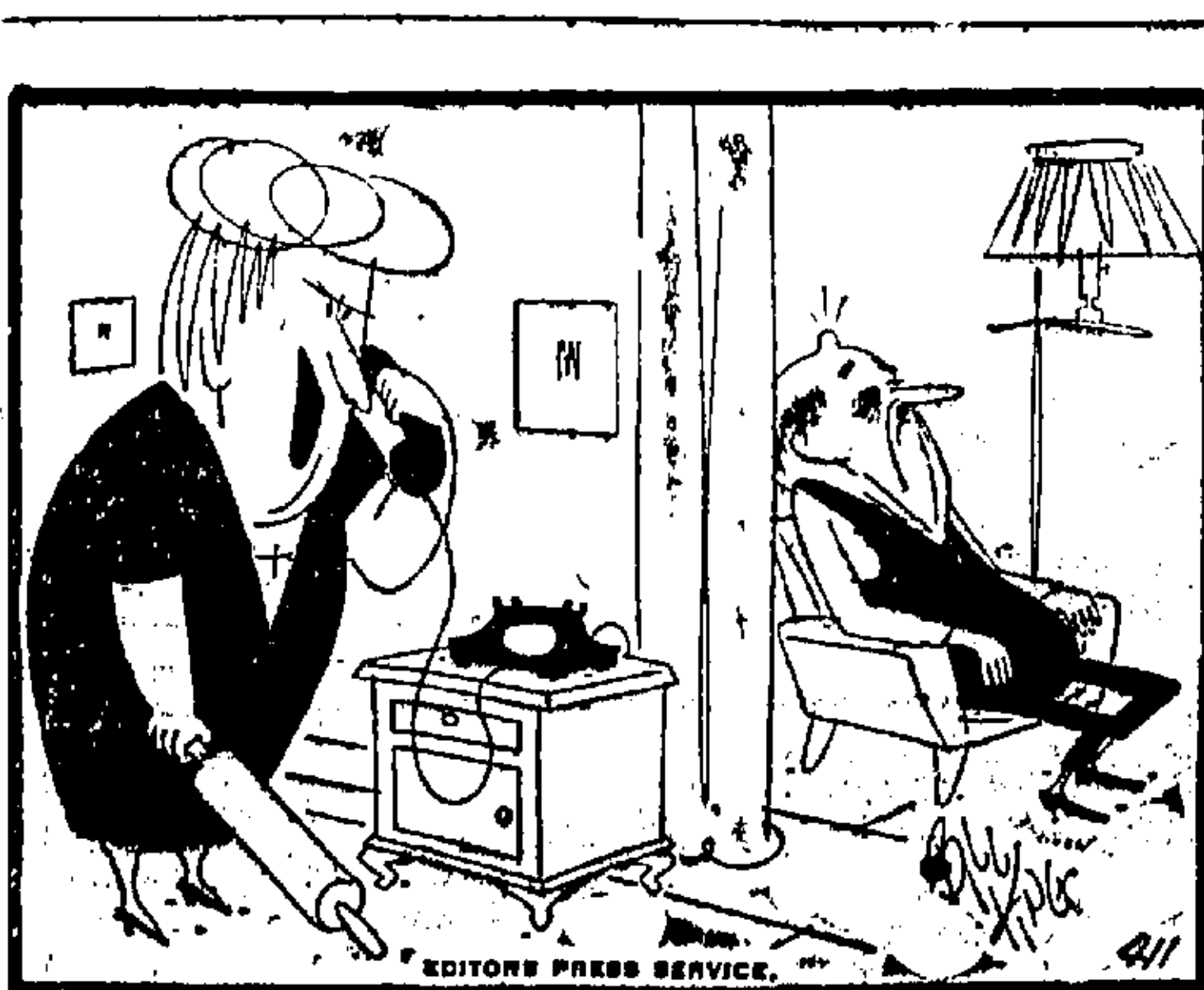
He feels the men involved have been disloyal to him personally. Indeed, Frank McKinney, chairman of the Democrats, goes so far as to say Truman feels he has been "sold down the river."

Hence the drastic action promised, for the President says: "Wrong-doers have no house with me, no matter who they are or how big they are."

Thomas F. Murphy, six foot four, 45-year-old New York prime buster, is the man President Truman wants to stamp out Government corruption.

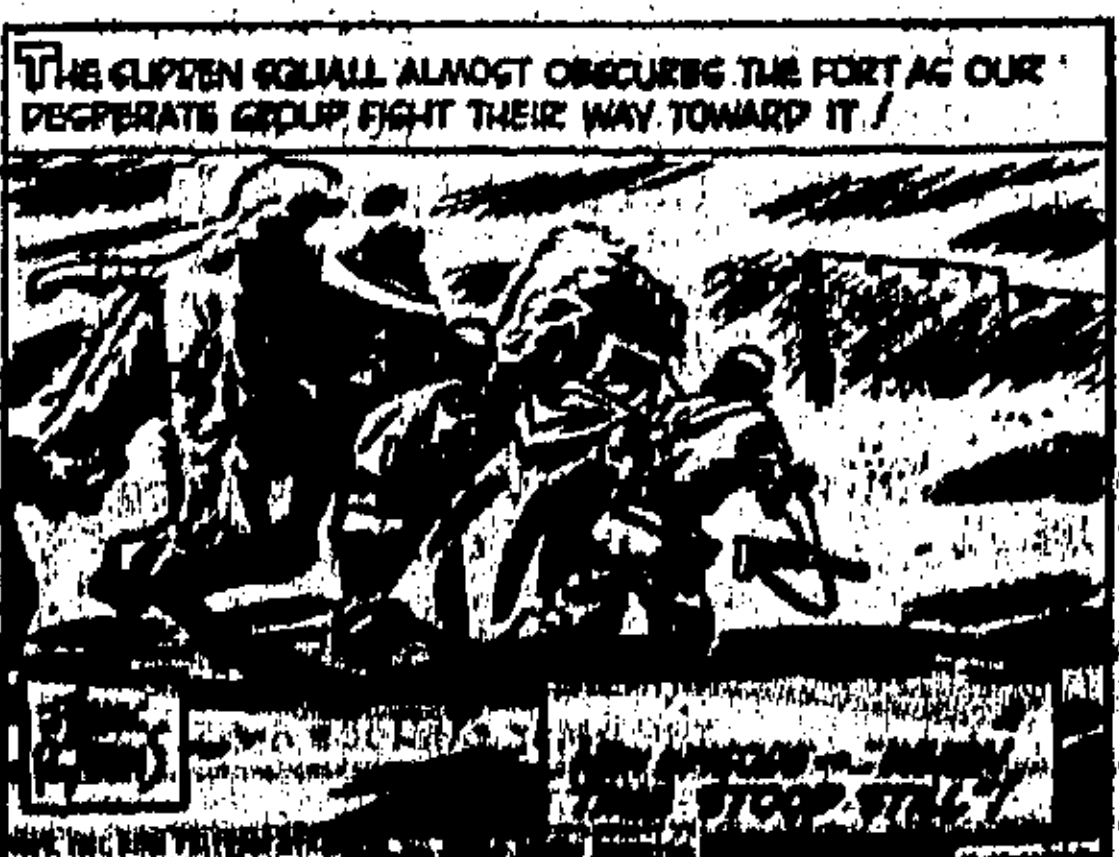
Murphy jumped to fame as the prosecutor who convicted Alger Hiss of perjury for denying that he leaked State Department secrets to a Soviet spy ring.

After that, he was appointed New York's Police Commissioner, and after cleaning up some of their scandals was promoted a lifetime judge.



"I'm afraid we won't be able to make it tonight, Mabel. Charles has a headache."

JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins

WHAT'S GOING ON

King Michael and Carol—a reconciliation?

London. BRITISH friends of the Rumanian royal family are wondering whether EX-KING CAROL'S visit to this country means a reconciliation with his son KING MICHAEL.

Their relationship has been strained for a long time.

Carol's choice of the title PRINCESS HELENA for his wife, the former Madame Lupescu, irritated his son, who is devoted to his mother, the former QUEEN HELEN OF RUMANIA.

She now lives at the Villa Sparta, near Florence. King Michael and QUEEN ANNE, his wife, with their two children, lead a quiet country life in England, occupying part of LORD BROCKETT'S Hampshire home, Bramshill Park.

Michael stayed recently in Scotland with the DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH.

Brother Cripps

WHEN SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS became Chancellor of the Exchequer he joked to his brother, COLONEL THE HON. FREDDIE CRIPPS: "Now you will be referred to as my brother. It will be a change."

Here was an apt remark. For 40 years Colonel Cripps, heir-presumptive to the second LORD PARMOOR, has been one of the most colourful of Britain's aristocracy.

Now he is writing his memoirs. One of his friends assassinated RASPUTIN, the sinister "holy man" of Czarist Russia.

The friend told him how he lured RASPUTIN to his home and gave him poisoned wine and food. It had no effect so he shot him through the heart.

Colonel Cripps records: "Even then RASPUTIN got up and walked into the room, where he was finally killed."

The Soviet Revolution cost Cripps, who helped to found a British bank in Russia, some £300,000. But he returned after the first World War with plans to rebuild part of Moscow.

Later, at Monte Carlo, he won £20,000 in a night. Once he tossed for everything in his pocket—and lost.

He was carrying about £7,000.

After Bartholomew

MR GUY BARTHOLOMEW'S sudden departure from the chairmanship of the Daily Mirror and Sunday Pictorial is likely to have tremendous political consequences.

It may indeed shake the strength of the Socialist Party more than the departure of any of its political leaders.

For it was "Bar" who swung the support of the Mirror to the Socialist machine controlled by MR HERBERT MORRISON.

And there is no doubt about what that support meant to the Socialists in the last three elections.

It is a staggering blow to Mr Morrison. The departure of "Bar" probably means the loss of his most powerful instrument of propaganda.

"Bar" with Mr Morrison's astute political mind to guide him, developed in the Mirror a new and extremely effective technique of mass propaganda.

By that technique during those elections he made an impact on the minds of millions of readers which was of incalculable advantage to the Socialists.

Now there may well be a very big change in Mirror policy.

Much depends upon the new chairman, CEIL HARM SWORTH KING. He lacks the flamboyance and dynamic energy of Bartholomew, and is reticent in expressing his views.

except to those very close to him. They forecast that he will not continue the Morrison alliance.

Ambassador's egg

MOST controversial meal of the day is breakfast. Which is it to be, light or heavy?

American Ambassador WALTER GIFFORD tells me his favourite breakfast is:—A large glass of ice-cold fresh orange juice, a medium boiled egg, buttered toast, and lots of coffee topped with cream.

A Princess secret

WHY did PRINCESS ELIZABETH and her husband frequently break into laughter when driving through cheering crowds in Canada?

This is the answer. The car had a radio which the Duke switched on so that they could listen to the commentators.

In one city they heard a radio reporter say: "Here they come. The Princess is beautiful, clear-eyed, and pink-cheeked."

And the Duke muttered: "What? After that party last night?"

THE voice again

LAST July the Norwegian prima donna KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD made her farewell at Covent Garden.

Now she is planning to sing there again next April in the little-known Gluck opera "Alceste."

Flagstad changed her mind because, at 55, her voice is maintaining its quality.

Her other great interest is knitting.

Vi-shy-sky

THOUGH he has mixed much with Western diplomats, the Soviet's ANDREI VISHINSKY still keeps socially aloof.

In Paris he returns to the Russian Embassy immediately after each UNO session. He has appeared socially only three times.

But he is not lacking in graces. When he gave an Embassy party, guests described him as a "solicitous and charming host."

After hearing a new opera by the Swiss composer ARTHUR HONEGGER, he revealed a thorough knowledge of modern French music in a discussion with Honegger and French Cabinet Minister JULES MOCHE.

Her bridesmaid

AT A London club the introduced singer HELENE CORDET to MRS PANAGI LYKARDOPULO, wife of a Greek shipowner and banker.

In the conversation it emerged that, although Miss Cordet had not realised it, she had been a young bridesmaid at Mrs Lykardopulo's wedding 20 years ago.

Twice fired

DR KONRAD ADENAUER, the West German Chancellor who has been visiting Britain, has been sacked twice from the same job.

In 1917 he became Mayor of Cologne, a post he held until 1933 when the Nazis fired him.

In 1945 the Americans made him mayor of the city again, but a few months later the British occupation authorities removed him.

Adenauer speaks no English, but is being accompanied everywhere here by an interpreter. At dinner the interpreter sits behind Adenauer with his knees almost in the Chancellor's back.

He translates all conversations in whispers in Adenauer's ear and Adenauer replies to him.

One bare back

FOR 56 years SIR EDWARD MARSH has been going to first nights.

Last week he looked round the theatre and said to me: "One bare back and not a single white tie. He was not impressed."

He recalled the glittering first performance of OSCAR WILDE'S "The Importance of Being Earnest."

"In those days," he said, "a first night was an important social event and people dressed accordingly."

Ephraim Haddon

WEEK-END WOMANSENSE

THE THIRD HAND

by Dorothy Barkley

THE invention of a London jeweller should soon be taking its place among the cocktail shakers, canapés and other party equipment of the complete hostess. For, with the assistance of the "Third Hand," as this invention is called, guests can now hold a plate and a glass—and still have a free hand to do all the handshaking required by etiquette. (See picture). To give it an air of festivity, the "Third Hand" is made in gilt-studded with rhinestones.

Festive touches in jewellery are found this year in the tiana and choker, both fashion favourites. Tiaras are being reworked from long seclusion in jewel cases to give a dramatic touch to an evening occasion. But if you are not the lucky possessor of the real thing in diamonds, tiana in pearls and rhinestones, take their place. Illustrated is a design typical of those being chosen by women here. It has a rhinestone base with pearl decorations. The rhinestones, graded in size, small at the side, large at the centre of the tiana, are encircled with pearl festoons. Chokers, made in anything from jewels to flowers, look

extremely attractive above the neckline of evening dresses. Pictured here are four such chokers, which can be worn together or separately:

1. Graduated pearl choker. It has a spring foundation, and so will stay in place.
2. A single row of rectangular rhinestones on a stiff band with adjustable chain fastening.
3. Large pearls, uniform in size all round, on a spring foundation.
4. Rhinestone drop pendant on a stiff band with adjustable chain fastening.

The newest way of wearing flowers is on a choker. Simply sew flowers on a piece of black velvet ribbon, fastening the ribbon with a hook and eye at the back of the neck; make a bracelet to match. Artificial flowers can be as effective as real flowers—and will still look as good at the end of the evening as at the beginning.

SCENTED FACTS

A Bond Street cosmetic firm held a show recently to demonstrate how to carry your perfume around with you. Ideas suggested carry it in an earring, in a fob on your coat lapel in a necklace or bracelet. If you are wearing a floral choker, perfume according to the flower chosen. And, it was suggested, you might even spray perfume



The "Third Hand," for cocktail parties.

COLD

By EILEEN ASCROFT

HOW did women react to the recent cold spell in Britain? At Victoria I found regulation winter dress for travellers on the Golden Arrow was a fur coat.

Glamorous Frau Eleonora Hanel, of Poels, Austria, returning home after a six-week visit to England, was prepared with two against the cold. She wore a full-length fitch, with a cape collar, and carried an extra hip-length silver fox "in case it gets cold on the boat."

Many women carried travelling rugs, but few spoiled smart travelling costumes with clumsy boots.

Christmas shoppers, however, were not so fashion-conscious in winter's first icy spell.

One in six women shopping on Bond Street was dressed with fur and wore a heavy headscarf.

Others wore felt hats, and one carried a small black and white bag.

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VICTORIA FOOTNOTE

At the station outlet I found the first three Christmas presents—a cake with grapes and nuts, a 50¢ coffee, and a small cup and chipped saucer.

"The coffee itself?" Weak and useless.

Alimony

THE divorce and question of alimony will be raised by the 1,000-strong Married Men's Association before the Royal Commission on Marriage and Divorce next month.

They will recommend that only an "absolutely" innocent wife, who has successfully petitioned against an "absolutely" guilty husband, should be permitted to apply for divorce and alimony for herself.

They will strongly protest against innocent ex-husbands having to pay "compassionate" alimony to guilty ex-wives.

Most far-sighted wives will probably agree with them.

There is a lot to be said in this day of high divorce figures for a marriage insurance scheme, to which husband is to pay small contributions, and which would handle claims for maintenance. The happily married could be rewarded by an eventual "bliss bonus."

Founder of the Married Men's Association is a happily married 37-year-old band accordionist, Mr. Fred Wormull, who has always been a champion of "Justice for Husbands." When he was 17 he founded the Anti-Women Society, with a minimum 5s. annual subscription and free legal advice to members who felt they had unfair treatment from their wives.

Eat and slim

SLIM young lady looking for a fat young man gourmet is 25-year-old Angela Pain. Most of her boy friends are "far too thin" and she wants to use him as a guinea-pig for her intended slimming book.

Angela's idea is to provide delicate, epicurean recipes for the overweight, who cannot face the dull tastelessness of an average slimming diet.

Cooking has been her hobby since the age of 12. Even during the war her weekly egg was not fried or boiled with the rest of the family breakfast. She ate toast and saved the white for meringues and the yolk for zabaglione with cherries.

Some of her specialties—all cooked with wine which is not fattening when used for flavouring—are included in her mother's slimming book, which has been selling 1,000 copies a week since its September publication and

is now in its second edition. Angela Pain, like most her daughters, "loves to see a duck in Sam's Sausage and Peach and Jammy Whip."

One dress

THE week of too much eating and drinking and too many parties is here. The girl with one party dress will be searching for ideas to make it look like six.

I have seen this week some gay satin waistcoats, in bright jewel shades, embroidered with black braid. For all their luxurious look, they are tax-free.

For the lower of "separates" there are regular brocade skirts, charming Austrian wool evening sweaters, with lavish metal thread embroideries. Colours are black and white, and bright shades like "shocking" pink and turquoise. Each sweater has embroidered gloves and earrings to match.

Party fripperies to brighten last year's dress. Canasta silk scarves, romantic chiffon stoles or Capri-fringed shawls, in light wool or silk. Leather belts, brass-studded or decorated with amusing horse brasses.

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WEEK'S CRAZIEST FASHION

...the "Floating Stepper" from Chicago. Sandals have clear plastic wedge soles, which form miniature goldfish tanks for live fish.

Parted

LATEST film child prodigy to discover that childhood stardom is no training for happy marriage. It is Jackie Cooper, famous boy actor of the 'thirties. He and his television actress wife, Mildred Parks, have separated.

Others in the pathetic list of childhood acting successes and adult marriage failures include Shirley Temple, who made nearly a million pounds in her acting days, and said in April 1949, before her marriage to U.S. Army Air Force sergeant, John Agar:

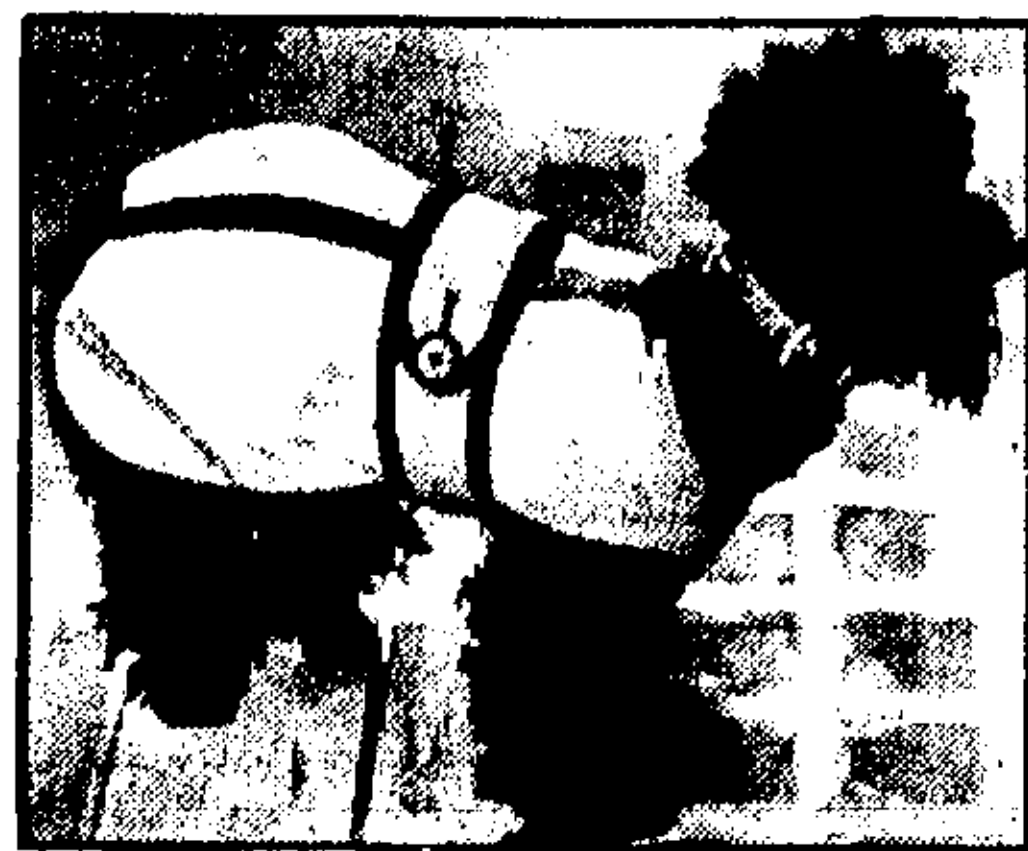
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Dogs wrap up: the Bond Street poodle.



FRAU HANEL... at Victoria

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Your Baby's Feeding Schedule

By G. C. MYERS, Ph.D.

THE self-demand method of feeding infants enables the mother working with her pediatrician to ascertain the interval between feedings to which her baby is, naturally, best suited. After a few weeks, the most desirable interval can easily be arrived at. Thereafter it is relatively easy to train the youngster to adapt himself to a reasonable schedule, though this may be wisely revised later from time to time.

SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING

Of course, a few infants fed when they seem to be hungry adapt themselves pretty early to a regular schedule. But not all do. Some turn their nights into days and demand food several times a night, even after they are one or two years of age.

A disturbing factor in good feeding procedure, especially with the breast-fed baby, may be lack in quantity and quality of natural food. This problem the pediatrician helps solve by recommending supplementary bottle feedings.

As nearly as I can ascertain, most of the sleep problems growing out of self-demand feeding arise when mothers don't have the continual counsel of the pediatrician, and suppose that when he has advised feeding the infant when it is hungry during the first several days or weeks, he meant the youngster should so be fed at the age of 1, 2 or 3 years, of age.

Unfortunately, some writers have given this same impression. Some other writers have

carelessly said of the child as old as 2, 3 or 4 who often wakes at night, that he probably is hungry and should be fed, without considering what his eating intake and habits are by day.

Some children are hungry by night because they don't eat nearly enough by day or have not learned to enjoy the proper food. Some writers, too, having the very young infant in mind, though not making clear this fact, advise that when a youngster (some mothers suppose it could be a child of three or four) does not care for any particular food offered him, he should be given another or another until the food is found he will enjoy; they have even ridiculed any "starvation technique" as passé.

One mother writes: "My baby, 2 years old, seldom sleeps more than two hours at night, then wakes and cries till I give her a bottle. She refuses practically all other foods by day."

THAT OR NOTHING

To which I wrote her, in part: Seek the advice of a pediatrician. Ask him to prescribe the proper food for this child by day.

Unless the following should conflict with his advice, do this: At his regular meal by day, place a very small portion of a prescribed solid or semi-solid food before him. Don't spoon it into him. Let him eat himself, or not as he chooses. But give him no other food if he does not. Let him have no other food but fruit juice till his next regular meal, when you should proceed in like fashion, offering first another essential food.

Never tell him he must eat anything. Let him choose between what is offered and nothing.

It's Just The Glamour For Your New Year Party

By HELEN FOLLETT

GIRLS who apply make-up and then run should not monkey with mascara and eye shadow. That type of artifice, compounded for the purpose of making pretty eyes prettier and more glamorous, requires the deft touch. Without it, the face is bound to appear lithographic and that condition would never win a beauty prize these days when make-up is supposed to be so delicate that it can be mistaken for natural bloom.

Eye shadows come in two forms, compact and cream. Some women like the moist effect of the cream, believing that it makes the eyes look dewy. It goes on more smoothly than the compact rouge but one must be careful not to make too heavy an application. Start at the inner corner of the eye, continue to the far point of the eyebrow. Let the colouring fade away as it ascends toward the eyebrow; it can be fairly dark along the lashes unless you are going to use mascara. Some cream shadow comes in pencil form, making it easy to apply.

Cream Comes First
When using the compact apply a little cream first. If put on a dry surface, the powder may accent little wrinkles, if they are present. Apply only to the upper lid—never under the lower lid.

As to colour, you have a wide choice. There are pale tans down to brown, becoming to few members of the grand army of beauty seekers. There are

greys that also are of uncertain glamour value. There are many shades of blue and blue is becoming to blondes, brunettes and girls with hazel eyes and drab hair. If the eyes are blue, one must be careful to get a corresponding shade.

There are delicate green tones, adorable on the red head, and soft mauves for the white-haired ladies. You had better pass up purple; it looks too much like bruised flesh!



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21 'Whys' For Wearing A Hat

MOST women wear a hat because it looks smarter, keeps their head warmer, and they like the way it looks.

But the Christmas issue of British Millinery has found 21 new reasons. Here are a few of the strangest:

A Hat (white one) can discourage a taxi from bumping into you on dark nights.

A Hat can deepen the baby-blue of your eyes.

A Hat can save off a batch of freckles.

A Hat can uplift face lines that are downward bent.

A Hat can be a cosmetic, a beauty treatment, almost a plastic surgeon.



CATHOLIC students of the Hongkong University went on a pilgrimage to four churches recently. Here they are seen at St Joseph's Church. (Ming Yuen)



LADY Grantham with officers of the Hongkong Women's International Club at the Club's Christmas luncheon. From left: Mrs Dickinson, Lady Grantham, Mrs Woo, Mrs Evans, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gould. (Staff Photographer)



BRIDAL party outside the Hongkong Union Church after the wedding of Mr Hugh McIntosh Dey, of the Hongkong Police, and Miss Mona Khoo. (Staff Photographer)



LEFT: The new Argentine Consul, Mr Clorindo A. Mendieta (right), with the former Honorary Consul, Mr A. J. de Souza. Mr Souza is leaving for Buenos Aires in February. (Staff Photographer)



RESIDENTS of Buxey Lodge, Government hostel on Conduit Road, photographed at their annual Christmas dance. (Ming Yuen)



RIGHT: Mr Leung Chun-hau and Miss Kwok Hing-lan, who were married recently. (Mainland Studio)



PICTURE taken at the christening of little Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. A. Miller, at St Andrew's Church recently. (Mainland Studio)



AT the Hongkong Union Church last Saturday, the christening took place of James MacIntosh, son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Cattanach. (Staff Photographer)



MR Charles K. W. Chen and Miss Sorina Ning, whose engagement was announced at a party at the Hongkong Hotel recently. (Ming Yuen)



LITTLE Patricia Ann Tann, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. B. Tann, was christened at St Andrew's Church recently. (Mainland Studio)

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THE Colours of the 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, were handed over by the Officers to the Warrant Officers and Sergeants for a day last week in traditional celebration of the Ferozhshah Battle, when 18 Officers of the Battalion fell and the Sergeants took over the companies in action. (Staff Photographer)

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CHRISTMAS PARTIES

1. Santa Claus visits the Kowloon Dock Club and distributes gifts to the kiddies. (Ming Yuen). 2. The Under Fives fish for tin fishes at the party given by W.O's and Sergeants at Whitfield Barracks. (Ross Miller) 3. At the party given on board HMAS Murchison, a little lady has fun at the slide. 4. Scene from the pantomime, "The Sleeping Beauty," given at the Kowloon Cricket Club. 5. Nativity play at the Club de Recreio. (Staff Photographer)



MEMBERS and guests taken at the annual dinner party of the Cercle Sportif de la Banque de l'Indo-Chine. Seated in centre is Mr C. G. Fournier, the general manager of the Bank. (Asia Photg.)



MR C. Blaker, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., speaking at the annual Christmas luncheon of the SCMP Staff Club on Monday. On his left are Messrs F. P. Franklin, Managing Director, and H. J. Armstrong, Director. Below: Members of the Editorial and Business staffs and the SCMP Sports Association who drew in a soccer match on the annual picnic to Cheung Chau on Boxing Day. (Staff Photographer)



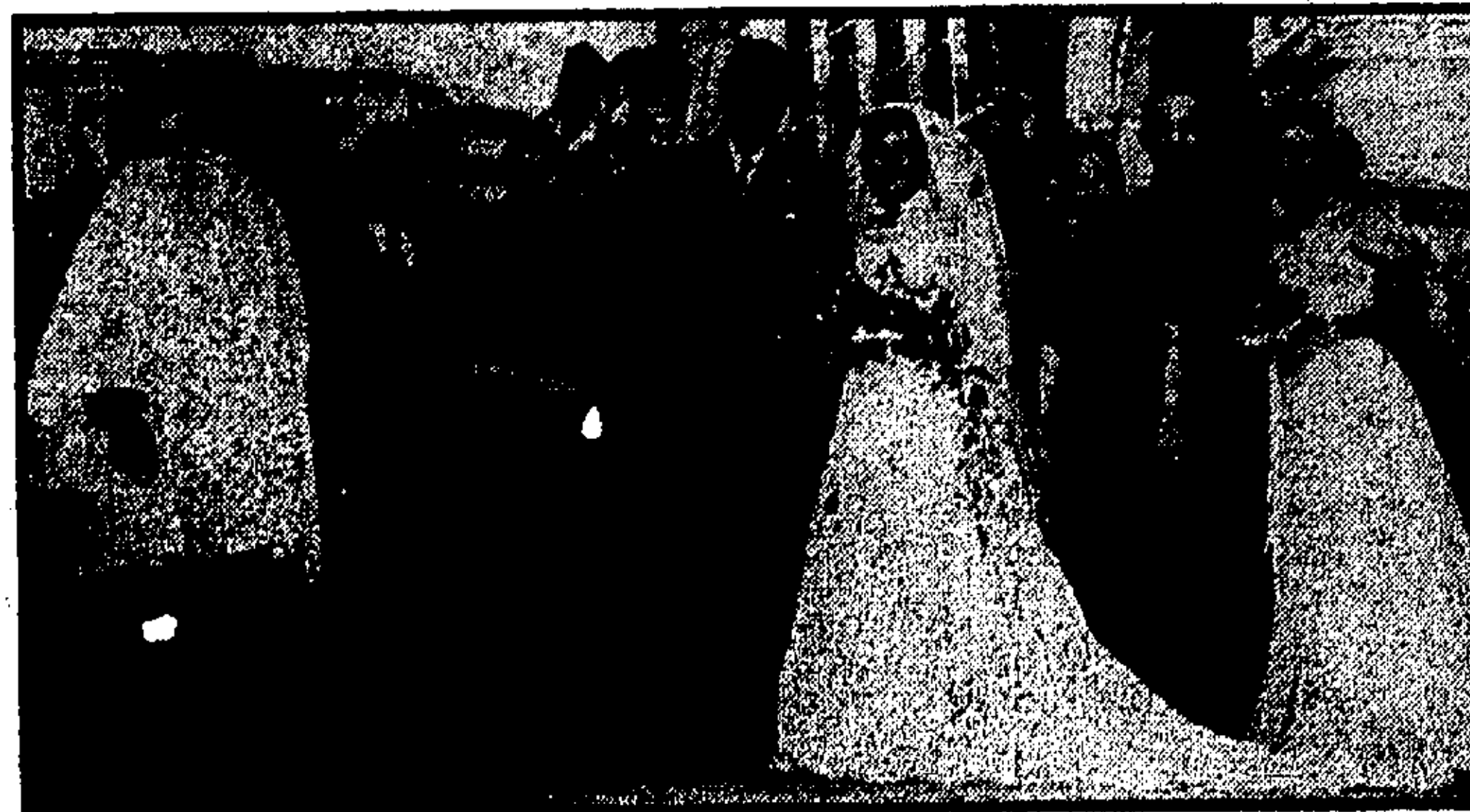
MR Max Huegi and Mrs Moosa Wimsett, whose wedding took place at the Registry last week. (Staff Photographer)



ST Andrew's Church carol singers, assembled at a tea party at the Vicarage last week. (Staff Photographer)

MR Leong Kam-tong assists his bride, formerly Miss

Ho Yee-wan, to cut the cake at the reception following their wedding.



LEFT: Married at St Andrew's Church last Saturday were Mr James K. M. Hsu and Miss Mildred Wang.

THE Hongkong schoolboys' football team, who are due to fly to Manila today to play a series of matches there. (Golden Studio)



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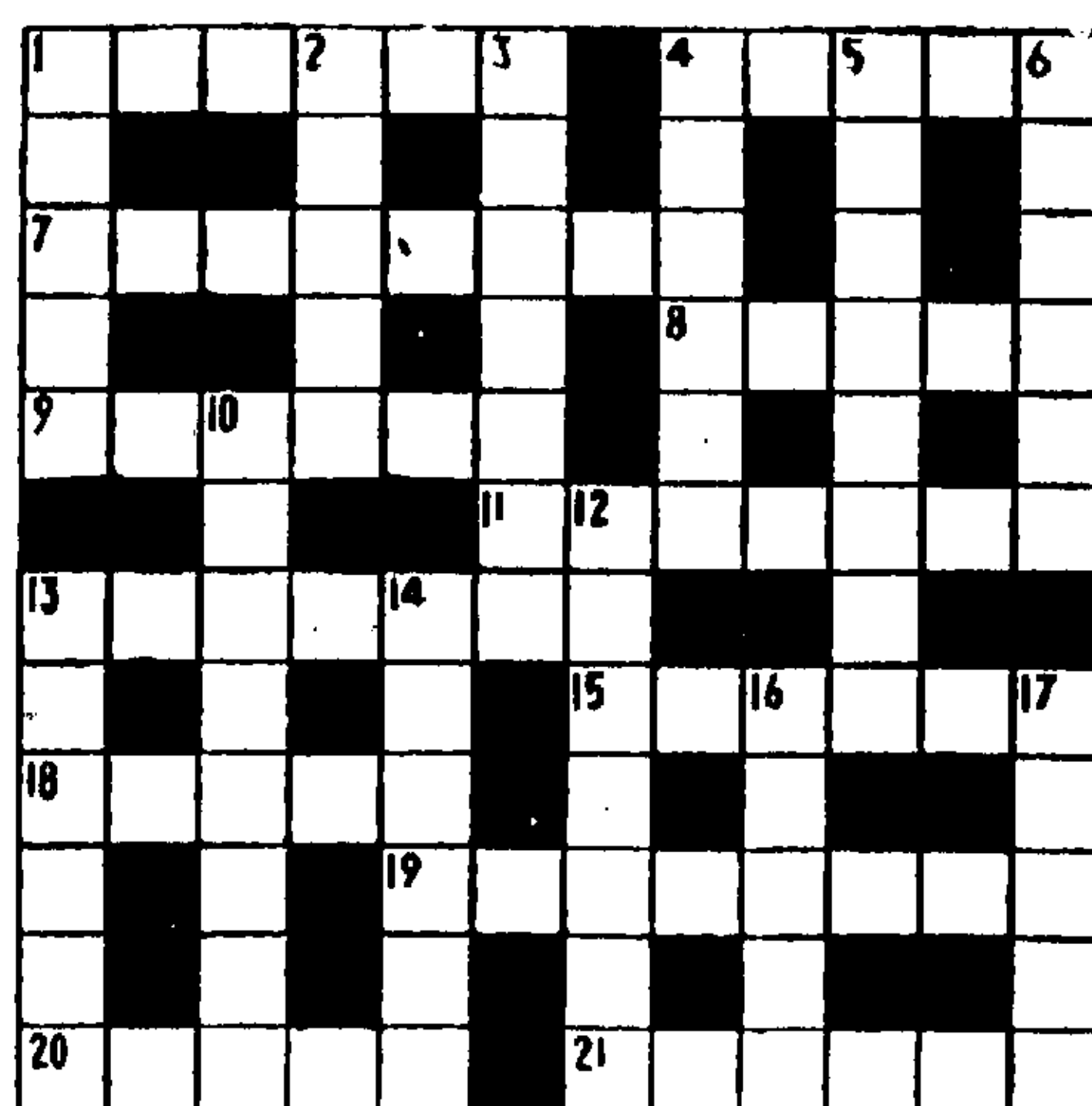
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OR IN A CROWD
WITH YOUR HAIR
JUST WASHED AND
DRIPPING WET
AND TRYING
FRANTICALLY
TO REACH HOME
BEFORE YOU
ARE NOTICED

—THIS DREAM MEANS:
"To be caught undressed" vividly expresses
the feeling of being seen at a disadvantage
the feminine equivalent would be, I suppose,
"to be caught with one's hair down."
Dreams of being undressed in public always
reveal two rather opposite emotions: (a) the
desire to be conspicuous, outstanding, to "show
off" exhibitionistically in public (in the bus
or crowd); (b) the fear that in doing so you
may make an object of yourself (undressed
and exposed, unattractive and ridiculous, insecure
and bolting for home and safety).
If you can get to care a little less about what
you seem and a little more about what you are,
you will have less reason to expect criticism
and more true confidence to protect you against
it.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Annoy (6)
- 4 Apartments (5)
- 7 Scatter (8)
- 8 Thin particle (5)
- 9 Morsel (6)
- 11 Article of clothing (7)
- 13 Cattleman (7)
- 15 Toy (6)
- 18 Pale (5)
- 19 Grossest and figure (8)
- 20 Ecclesiastical council (5)
- 21 Lark (6)

DOWN

- 1 Belt (5)
- 2 Hair (5)
- 3 Unusual (7)
- 4 Jacket (6)
- 5 Deceit (8)
- 6 Thoroughfare (6)
- 10 Meal (8)
- 12 Arrow (7)
- 13 Cakes (6)
- 14 Slight (6)
- 16 Colour slightly (5)
- 17 Rovers (5)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Puma, 4 Murchison, 8 Boon, 9 Otto, 10 Dangers, 11 Duet, 12 Sure, 14 Located, 17 Least, 19 Oggs, 22 Mitten, 26 Rent, 27 Tire, 28 Panther, 29 And, 30 News, 31 Relents, 32 Foss. Down: 2 Untrue, 3 Abodes, 4 Model, 5 Orator, 6 Dugma, 7 Nerve, 12 Slim, 13 Rapt, 15 Tare, 16 Duet, 18 Intent, 20 Greater, 21 Ensign, 23 Lat, 24 Trithe, 25 Sires.

Chaplin's Three Chances

THIRTY-ONE years ago I saw the second reel of Charlie Chaplin in "The Count." The first reel had been on the previous week and I did not catch up with it until this year. Neither time nor the talkies, I then found, had affected my enjoyment of Charlie.

In spite of "Monsieur Verdoux" and "The Great Dictator," in spite of the efforts of some critics to make Charlie seem lightbrow, millions of ordinary people, of all colours and all ages, feel about him as I do and become as one while they watch him.

The full secret of Charlie's enchantment may not yet be known, but some part of it is revealed in

THE LITTLE FELLOW (Paul Elok 15s.), by Peter Cotes and Thelma Niklaus.

Charlie, as we know, was brought up on the streets of London, sometimes sleeping in parks and eating street refuse. For a time he and his brother Syd were confined in the Haggerston Institution. When his mother was well enough to keep a home, one of his jobs was to carry the slops down three flights of stairs.

The misery

CHARLIE was the bottom dog, knew the irresponsibility, the misery and the longing of the bottom dog, but throughout his experiences he deepened his natural sensitiveness.

He was able to express to the world what his sensitiveness took in because of three pieces of chance. First, his mother, herself a music-hall artist, was able to teach him the basic arts of pantomime.

Second, he came under the management of Fred Karno, who always went to fundamental humour for his laughs.

Third, he had the luck to be touring America when Mack Sennett was looking for comedians capable of exploiting just these effects in his films.

It's odd

THE book contains many odd facts about Charlie's life—that his first appearance in a film was on a newsreel as part of a crowd watching a Jersey carnival, that he once said to Karno, "I can't see myself trying to be funny in front of a camera—not up my street at all."

There is much, too, about his private life, his fondness, his political opinions. But what appealed most of all to me were the memories revived by the "stills" and descriptions of his earlier films. They brought back some of my own happiest times.

BOOKS
by
J. P. W. MALLALIEU
M.P.

LATE FINAL, Lewis Gibbs' imaginative novel about Britain after the third world war (J. M. Dent, 9s. 6d.), is also, in its

different way, about bottom dogs. It opens with a bleak and paralysing picture of a concentration camp within the Arctic Circle about 1960, whose inmates are beyond the fear of anything except change in daily routine.

For one of them change comes, suddenly. After ten years without news of the world, he is parachuted into his native England to find that the population has been virtually wiped out in the atomic war.

The few survivors live in isolated groups without law and in fear of strangers.

This devastated England is well imagined, and the whole book is sharply written. But the end, in which a U.S. aircrew, prospecting the waste land, pick up the narrator and deposit him in the bosom of the Catholic Church, is weak.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



Notice how the shadows in this picture make a pleasing balance of light and dark tones and add interest by repeating the design of the ironwork.

Shadow Effects

LONG shadows often help produce a feeling of depth in pictures, and they do much to improve an otherwise ordinary shot. They may help to strike a balance between the light and dark tones of a picture, or they may make a striking composition of one that, lacking shadows, would be unspectacular.

The other day, for instance, I noticed a shot of a figure skater. It caught my eye and

held it. The skater had been pictured against the sun, her figure in the upper right hand corner. Extending from her foot to the lower left hand corner of the shot, across the ice, was her shadow—lengthened by the slanting rays of the afternoon sun.

The shadow, in this case, was an important part of the composition. Perhaps the most important part. It gave the picture a pleasing balance and it was clear that the photographer had sensed its possibilities. He had been as interested in the shadow pattern as in the skater herself.

Often, too, commonplace elements may be dramatised by the distortion of their shadows. Or a pattern of lines—like an iron grill—may be given extra impact by the repetition which the shadow pattern affords. Or a shadow alone—as that cast by people against a plain wall—may tell its own story.

So don't just look at the bright side—see the shadows as well. These winter days, when the sun is low in the sky and shadows stretch out about you, offer new picture chances. All that you need to capture them is an eye for the drama which shadows afford.

—John van Guilder

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Ringing Out The Old

By KEMP STARRETT



Sydney's Gain

By HENRY LONGHURST

Sydney. The only man, it appears, who has not yet said that James Adams will shortly be taking up the post of professional at the Royal Sydney Golf Club is James Adams. Everyone here takes it for granted. All that is missing is confirmation from the central character.

When one of the three panel members of the Royal Sydney Golf Club is asked to confirm the fact that Adams is to take up the post of professional at the club, the answer is always "Yes".

Adams, assuming he goes, will be an addition to the club. As a player, he is a good Australian, but as a professional, he is a good Englishman. He will undoubtedly supplement his income as a professional by playing for the club.

It may be that Sydney's gain is also a loss for the club. Adams, assuming he goes, will be an addition to the club. As a player, he is a good Australian, but as a professional, he is a good Englishman. He will undoubtedly supplement his income as a professional by playing for the club.

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ALF GOVER'S CRICKET ACADEMY

No. 2—Defensive Forward Play

Forward strokes are those played to a well pitched ball, a ball that you can normally play on the half volley.

The left foot is placed so that the bat can come down in a line with the flight of the ball and then follow through to the pitch of the ball. The left leg and body move together, so that the bat comes in contact with the ball at the same time as the foot touches ground.

Remember to keep your head steady and your eyes on the ball. Do not look at the ball until it is in the air. Do not look at the ball until it is in the air. Do not look at the ball until it is in the air.

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Alf Gover demonstrates defensive forward play

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DAVID v. GOLIATH AFFAIRS IN THE SOCCER LEAGUE OVER THE WEEK-END

By "SPIV"

The week-end local soccer league matches today and tomorrow will be mostly David versus Goliath affairs as the first round reaches its penultimate concluding stage.

With the exception of two matches, which will provide the main attractions of the week, the League leaders are not expected to be seriously extended.

South China, who occupy the top position, one point ahead of Army, should easily acquire full points in their match against Navy tomorrow.

Army will have a more difficult one against Police at Boundary Street tomorrow, but the return of Kirkland at left-back will give them the needed extra strength in the defence, which will be without the still injured Tennant.

The wing-halves were the weakest link of the Army team in their match against Kwong Wah and today Army will probably field two new players in these positions.

The feeding of these halves will be the deciding factor as to the number of goals the improving Army forward line will notch this afternoon.

Police are so far from their first-killing form of last year that a win for them is almost out of the question.

The two most interesting matches of the week-end will be the Sing Tao-CAA and KMB-St. Joseph's games tomorrow. Both Sing Tao and KMB, who are one game ahead of South China and Army and now in the third and fourth positions, cannot afford to lose a single point in their remaining first round matches to keep in the running.

The Busmen received a nasty setback from Eastern last week and another defeat or even a draw will put them completely out of the race. With the unpredictable Saints as their opponents, a draw may not be unlikely.

It took the Busmen extra time to eliminate the Saints in the odd goal in three in the first round Challenge Shield match, and the Saints did put up a

Pandas-Madcaps Scuffle Will Be The Main Attraction Tomorrow

Says "GRANDSTAND"

The first round of the International Series being over, pennant-pacers get back into the serious business of the flag chase with a nine-game programme slated for the week-end in which several teams will be fighting to stave off elimination in the torrid race.

The Pandas-Madcaps scuffle will be the main attraction in the "A" Division, both teams being all out to take the decision at this important stage of the race, while the Braves, who are hanging on to a precarious grip on the possibility of emerging triumphant once more, must overcome the Canuck obstacle as their first step in the come-back trail.

Interest in the Junior League will be centred on the Rexes-Delaware clash slated for 2:30 p.m. this afternoon, and although the Rexes seem doomed to their fourth consecutive flag disappointment, they are still capable of upsetting the applecart for the aspiring Delawares, who are only a couple of games behind the leading Hawks.

While a loss for the Madcaps would prejudice their chances for the Junior League, a triumph would place them in a very strong position in the second round of the closely contested "A" Division title, but for the Pandas, it is a different story.

This outfit, which has displayed so much power as to be considered favourites to cop the Molten Trophy this year, has dropped too many hard-luck games by the narrowest of margins, and will stage a last stand tomorrow when they face Buster Hollands' Madcaps.

As usual the Madcap starting hurler will not be known until game time, but in view of the batting strength of the opposition, the monster Hollands will probably nominate footballer Joey Greaves for the opening assignment, with Kelly Silva-Netto standing by in case of a wild hurling spree.

Opposing moundman will be Jackie Wet, who, as we predicted last week, cannot go through one complete game leading down an every pitch. His early brilliant performance last week was poor consolation for his crack-up in the seventh when he fell into a slowballing lapse.

The Madcap infield includes a trio of former junior league players who have since made good and have earned permanent berths on Hollands' outfit. They are Bernie Silva at short, Roberto Nunes at second with lefty Eric Remedios behind the batter, and for steady influence in the crucial spots, seasoned campaigners Rene Securita and Edo Almeida will be at the other positions.

The Pandas seem to have settled down to a final inner defence after making several switches recently, particularly at first base where P.H. Lee and C.Y. Lu have taken turns to lead the sack.

Lee should make a perfect first-base guardian with a left-handed throw, but somehow has been kicking the ball around recently and Lu is the likely starter for the coming game.

With three losses out of five starts, the Braves will have a stiff uphill fight all the rest of the way if they are to retain the coveted Trophy which has been in their possession for the last two years.

The coming tussle against the Canadians should be the easiest one in the series, and yet mastermind Charlie Figueroa cannot take a chance of a surprise upset, and will field his strongest possible side.

The battery will be Chappy Remedios and Frankie Correa again, unless the cagy pilot decides to throw in Mario "Red" Pereira behind the batter in place of Frankie. The past champions have not been hitting regularly this year, but perhaps tomorrow will be the turning point in a disappointing season to date.

The Junior League Delawares, who are teetering on the brink of the pennant scene, are staking their chances of a Blackhawk upset by one of the other contenders and to better the League leaders themselves when the second round game comes around again.

But before mentor Tony Kwok can afford to indulge in pipe-dreams the urgent necessity of hurdling the Rexes this afternoon must be attended to.

Regular hurler Terry Lucido will too the rubber for the

Delawares with A.K. Linn of the Rexes as his opposite number, and while the hitting power is about equal, the Delawares have the knack of putting every break of the game to good advantage, and should be able to hurdle this obstacle, but the margin will be slim.

Two ladies' games are down on this week's card, with the Wahooks and Squaws expected to take easy wins from South China and Pool To respectively.

Although both of the Chinese outfits have improved considerably since their first outing at the beginning of the season, they still have a long way to go before either of the two pennant rivals can be upset.

Wahooks meet the Lads from Baseballs at 3:30 p.m. Pandas Caroline Hill this afternoon at 4 p.m. Madcaps ("A" Division).

Programme for the weekend:

TODAY: 2:00 p.m. Blue Sox v. Dodgers; 3:30 p.m. Rexes v. Delawares (Junior League); South China v. Wahooks (Ladies League).

TOMORROW: 9:30 a.m. Griffiths v. Bantams (Junior); 11:00 a.m. Braves v. Canadians; 12:30 p.m. Pool To v. Squaws (Ladies); Pandas v. South China (Junior); 2:00 p.m. Red Sox v. Wahooks; 3:30 p.m. Pandas Caroline Hill this afternoon at 4 p.m. Madcaps ("A" Division).

Through Tickets at \$16 for the 13th Race Meeting 1951, and \$20 for the 1st Race Meeting 1952 may be obtained at the Comptroller Office of the Treasury, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 18th February, 1952.

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Through Tickets reserved for both of the above Meetings but not paid for by 10:00 a.m. on Friday 28th December, 1951, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

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In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment will NOT be made on torn or disfigured tickets.

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Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all chits, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller Office will close at 11:00 a.m. the 1st Day and at 10:00 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Secretary's Office will close at 11:45 a.m. the 1st Day and at 10:00 a.m. the 2nd Day. The Treasurers' Comptroller Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27318).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

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Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

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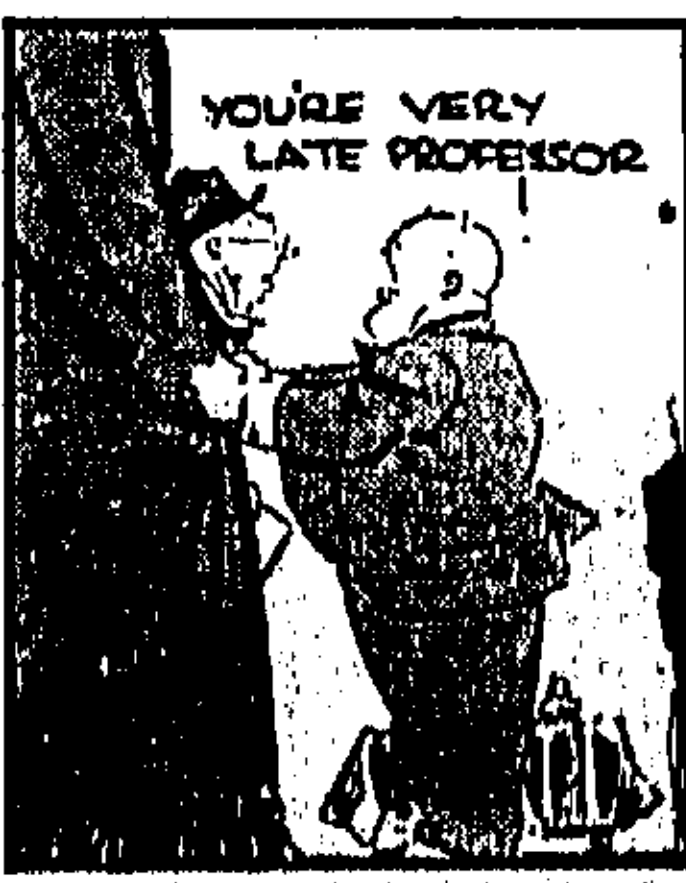
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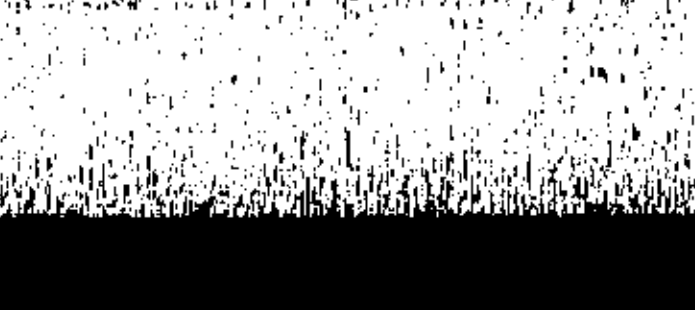
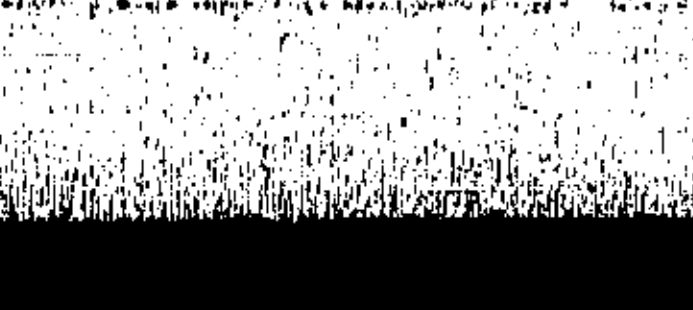
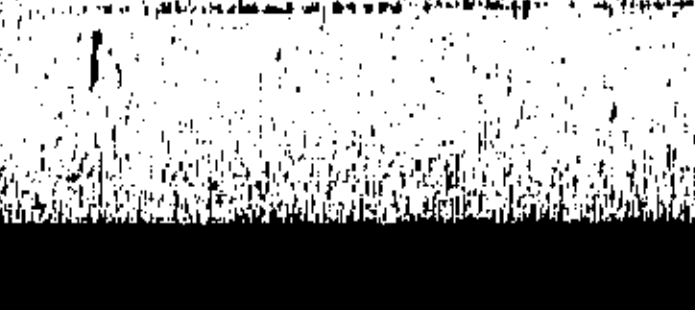
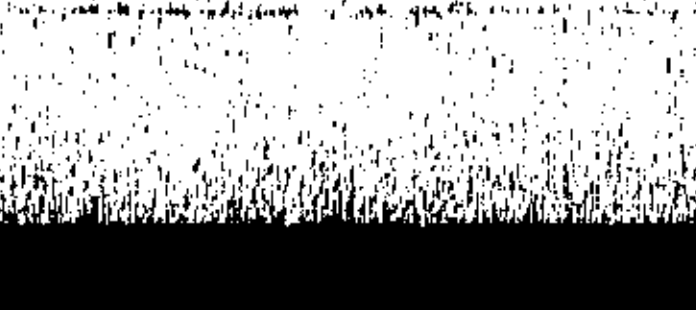
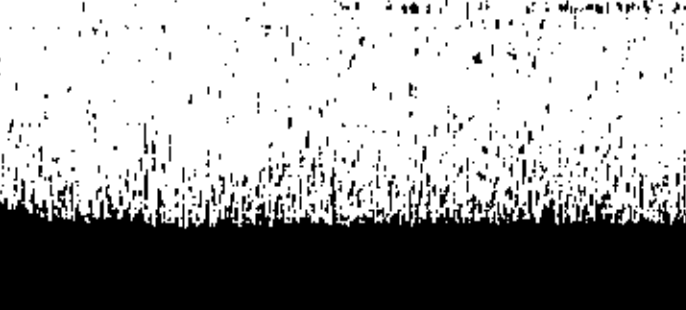
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Living Language

Why we say "Caprio" is a wild goat, a "capriolo" is a kid, and "capriolare" means to leap and frisk about like kids. To "cut a caper" comes from "capriolare" and means something more than just frisking. It is applied figuratively to people behaving eccentrically, dressing oddly, or even throwing money about for no good reason.

FREIGHTER GETS FINE

Providence, R.I., Dec. 28. The 3,648-ton Spanish freighter Monte Mulhacen has been fined \$4,000 by the United States authorities because four of her crew jumped ship on Christmas Day.

The ship arrived here on December 14 from Philadelphia with 3,500 tons of pig-iron for the American Steel and Wire Company of Worcester, Massachusetts.

On her arrival in Philadelphia from Bilbao, Spain, on December 1, her entire crew of 14 had been detained aboard as "male life seamen," which meant that they were forbidden to go ashore anywhere in the United States.

The naturalization and immigration service assessed a fine of \$1,000 for each of the four men against the vessel for failing to detain them on board. Even if the men were caught and returned to the ship the fine would still be payable, an immigration officer said.

He added that the Monte Mulhacen could not be allowed to leave until the fine was paid or a suitable bond posted.

—Reuter.

DARTWORDS SOLUTION

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Pest Pest Puck Peak
Droll Droll Droll Droll
Body Body Body Body
Minor Minor Minor Minor
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TODAY'S RUGGER

Closely Contested Matches Likely At Sookunpoo

By "HANLINCOTE"

The venue for today's Rugger is the Army Ground, Sookunpoo, when the RAF meet the Police, and those old rivals of long standing, the Soldiers and the Sailors play each other.

This week's rugger promises to be much more evenly matched than any games of late, and the fans who go to witness the matches should be entertained to two more or less evenly contested games.

In the first game, scheduled to begin at 3.00 p.m., the two teams are pretty evenly matched, although of completely different make-up.

The RAF consists of a light fast pack, which lately has shown combined efforts, particularly in the loose. That these players will work the Police goes without saying.

The Police halves are both tried men and in Harris they can prove both useful in either attack or defence. In the three there is that fast wing, Hammar, who can be very dangerous. Unfortunately, Alapini is still in Singapore and Sina is on the injured list.

The Police team has a very strong, completely different pack. They are heavy, awkward and, at times, show signs of lack of training. But this might be very dangerous if they are allowed to keep the ball close and they will, I think, win most of the set scrums.

In the rearguard they have a very useful line, although once again without their skipper, Steven, and Gibbons, the fullback, it is of whom are still on the injured list.

SHOULD BE EXCITING
This should be a very close game and will prove exciting to watch.

At the time of writing, the RAF have not made known their team, but as they have very few reserves to fall back on, it is doubtful if there will be any startling changes in their usual line-up.

The second match to be played at 4.15 p.m. between the Army and Navy, may prove to be another good close game. The last time these two teams met, the Army were indeed lucky to win by a odd point.

Since then, however, the Navy has, unfortunately, lost some of their star players, this showed up very much last week when they were badly beaten by the Club.

This week, however, the Navy has reorganised with the material available, and from reputation, they will be a much better team than last week.

One of the newcomers is from row forward, Morris, a former United Services choice and a player of repute. The halves this week are another pair of strangers, let us hope that they are on form, because, if not, it would pay the Navy to switch Laitley to stand-off to strengthen the attack end.

From the teams published, it can be seen that the Army have made little change from last week with the exception of the back row forwards, where Wynter makes his reappearance and Fancie comes in for injured Jack Thomas.

WORTH SEEING
This is a game that should be worth seeing. The Navy are very determined to avenge last week's debacle and will certainly go all out to win. However, it is difficult to forecast anything, because they have several untried men in the fifteen and these people may, or may not, be on form or 100 percent fit.

However, they are going into action prepared for anything and if these players do not fit in, they are prepared to experiment. This, of course, may be after the main damage is done. Taking everything into consideration, both of these games should be good to watch.

The Club game against the Royal Artillery XV will be played off at the Club Ground, Happy Valley, instead of, as previously advertised, Causeway Bay, and the kick-off will be at 3.00 p.m.

Although, I think, the Club will have very little trouble in disposing of the gunners.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"That was cute, you flattering the new cook on her pretty teeth—she got them from the same dentist where you got yours!"

Washington Hopes Over Suez Crisis Receive Damper

Washington, Dec. 28.

The riotous anti-Palace demonstrations in Cairo and Alexandria served as a damper here on hopes that King Farouk's appointment of two pro-Westerners as Royal advisers presaged a dramatic shift in Egyptian foreign policy.

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, had no comment on King Farouk's action while other American officials generally maintained a wait and see attitude.

The King's decision to identify himself publicly with pro-Westerners was heartening news in United States circles although any optimism displayed by informed sources here could at best be described as restrained.

The Evening Star, Washington's largest afternoon newspaper, viewed King Farouk's appointment as evidence of the Egyptian monarch's decision to intervene personally on the side of common sense.

"On his face," said the Star, "Farouk's action looks pretty much like a kindly vote of no confidence in the Nafas Government."

SAFE ASSUMPTION
"In the circumstances the pro-Western Adm and Amr appointments have all the earmarks of serving notice that the King wants a different policy, one that will not play into the hands of the Kremlin."

"It is a safe assumption that all this must leave Premier Nahas at least a little bit shaken."

"Indeed, it is not unthinkable that he and his Government may feel obliged to resign if the King presses hard for a reasonable settlement with Britain and for a more affirmative attitude toward a Middle East command."

"Such a possibility may be remote but it is nonetheless a possibility and if it materialises present Egyptian policy should undergo a marked change for the better."—United Press.

PLANS TO INTERCEPT IRAN OIL

London, Dec. 28.

The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company is working on plans to intercept oil in transit to any country which buys from the Persian Government while the oil dispute is before the International Court.

Persian Government spokesmen have indicated that Czechoslovakia is negotiating to buy the oil.

Though Anglo-Iranian spokesmen are unwilling to say precisely what they will do to block this, the most probable move will be to apply for an injunction to detain tankers carrying the oil when they put into the port of any country friendly to Britain.

This action, it was understood, would be taken by the Company, claiming legal ownership of the oil, and not by the British Government.

The British Government holds 51 per cent of Anglo-Iranian's shares.

It would not be governed by any question of the nationality of the tankers—which might be Russian, Polish or any other registration willing to work for the Czechoslovak Government.

A 10-day ultimatum from the Persian Government to former oil customers, after which Persia claimed the right to sell to any bidders, expired last Sunday.—Reuter.

New Weapon Shoots Round Corners

Detroit, Dec. 28.

The United States Army's research laboratories have developed a sub-machine-gun which will aim at a 90 degree angle and allow the marksman to remain completely unobserved, an Army Ordnance spokesman said here today.

The spokesman stated that the device consists of a cranked barrel adjusted to an ordinary M3.45 sub-machine-gun. Details about the sights of the new weapon were kept secret.

However, the spokesman disclosed that the weapon would permit more accurate aim than in the case of an ordinary "straight" gun. The new weapon, he added, would fire 450 rounds per minute.

The gun would shortly be put into mass production, the Army spokesman said.—France-Press.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at C.O.D. and at Kowloon Post Office, registered articles and parcels must close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below.

Public Holiday, Tuesday, January 1, 1952. The G.P.O. and the Kowloon Post Office will be open for the sale of stamps from 9 a.m. to noon; other post offices will be closed. There will be one general delivery commencing 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29
By Air
U.S.A. Canada, 2 p.m. P.A.A.
Formosa, 3 p.m. C.A.T.
Japan, 5 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 5 p.m. Air France

By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m. 6 p.m. ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing
China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. 5 p.m. train via Canton
Formosa, 8 a.m. ss Shantung
Burma, India, 2 p.m. ss Nor-Over
Malaya, 2 p.m. ss Kwelyang
Japan, Canada, 5 p.m. ss Java Mail

Indo-China, 2 p.m. ss San Blas
Philippines, 2 p.m. ss Titania
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30
By Air
Formosa, 5 p.m. via H.K. Airways
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m. C.P.A.
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m. ss Tai Loy

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31
By Air
Japan, 5 p.m. via B.O.A.C.
Formosa, 3 p.m. C.A.T.
Canada, 5 p.m. H.K.A. / N.W.A.
Indo-China, 5 p.m. C.P.A.

By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m. 6 p.m. ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing
China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. train via Canton
Indo-China, 9 a.m. ss Elsbeth
Japan, 2 p.m. ss Glenartney

GENERAL HOLIDAY
TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1952
By Air
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 10 a.m. via Air France
Formosa, Japan, 11 a.m. C.A.T.
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m. B.O.A.C.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m. C.P.A.

By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m. Noon, ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing
China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m. Noon train via Canton
Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m. ss Winklin

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2
By Air
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A. Canada, 6 a.m. via P.A.L.
Malaya, 9 a.m. C.P.A.
Formosa, 9 a.m. C.A.T.
Siam, India, Noon, P.O.A.
U.S.A. Canada, 2 p.m. P.A.A.
Japan, Korea, 5 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Formosa, 5 p.m. H.K. Airways

Possible Cause Of Mine Blast

Washington, Dec. 28.

The Government said today that electrical equipment operating in air containing explosive gas was the most likely cause of the West Frankfort, Illinois, coal mine disaster in which 119 miners were killed last week.

This was given as the probable cause in a preliminary report by the Bureau of Inspectors who investigated the explosion in the Orient No. 2 Mine of the Chicago, Wilmington and Franklin Coal Company.

The Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Oscar Chapman, cautioned in releasing the preliminary report that the source of the explosion has not been ascertained as yet.

The report said that the possibility of smoking as a cause could not be entirely disregarded.

Cigarettes and matches were found during the rescue operation.—United Press.

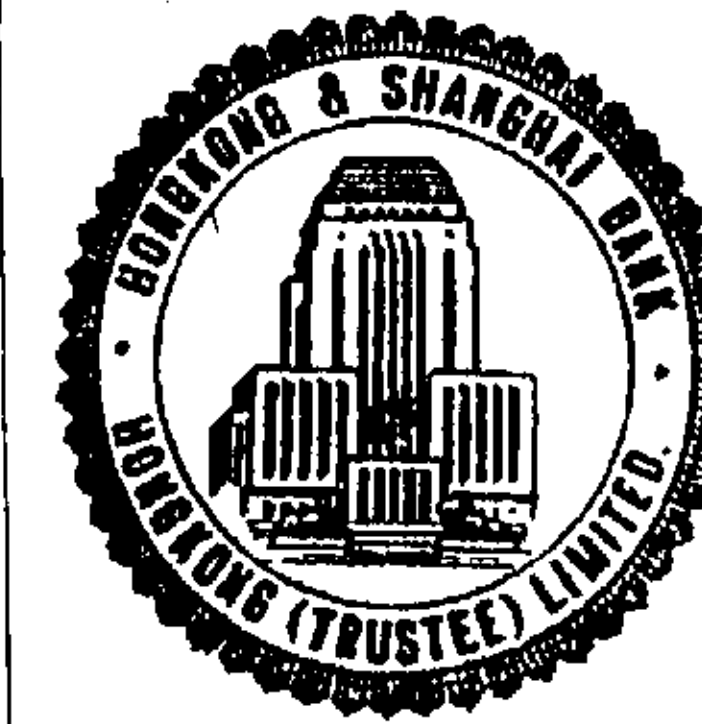
BOYS AND GIRLS PAGE SOLUTIONS

RIDDLES: 1—Because it has neither a beginning nor an end. 2—Because we must be before we can see. 3—Your word. 4—Smoke. 5—A book. 6—Because it is often told (told). 7—Water. 8—Eve, when she gave Adam a little Cain. 9—Because whenever seen she is always painted.

BIBLE POSERS: 1—In front line of battle. 2—Brother of Moses. 3—Sold by his brothers. 4—Watched sheep. 5—First king of Israel.

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BY "AUTOMEDON"

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed at Jolt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on December 31, 1951 and January 2, 1952, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

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Hong Kong, December 29, 1951.

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